

One of my New Year's resolutions was to find more local recycling and reuse opportunities for my readers. Here are ten resources for you to recycle and purchase used cabinets, doors, wood and other building supplies.

Sheet rock can now be recycled at the Napa Recycling and Composting facility located at 820 Levitin Way, American Canyon (off Hwy 29 & Tower Road). The minimum charge is \$15 ton and they are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ([www.NapaRecycling.com](http://www.NapaRecycling.com), 707-255-5200). For no charge they accept all electronics, (anything with a cord) along with scrap metal and appliances. They also sell compost and topsoil. They offer low fees for recycling concrete, wood, yardwaste and tires.

Around the corner you will find the Devlin Road Reuse & Recycle Center (889B Devlin Rd, American Canyon). They are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They accept usable building materials such as doors, windows, cabinets, and sinks, as well as hardware, chairs, bookshelves, etc. From your crowded garage they will accept lawnmowers and rototillers that are drained of all liquids as well as plant pots, bricks, and other landscaping materials. These items are then sold to the public at reasonable prices.

The Reuse People of Oakland has a new warehouse in Sacramento (6350 27th Street, 916\_556\_1174). The store is filled with high quality, low priced used building materials. They are currently developing a training program to certify deconstruction contractors. That contact is Kristin Williams at 209 241-3614.

Over in Petaluma is Heritage Salvage ([www.heritagesalvage.com](http://www.heritagesalvage.com), 707 762-6277). They are located at 1473 Petaluma Blvd South and help deconstruct old farm structures and houses. They have a three acre yard filled with reclaimed old-growth virgin redwood. Handcrafted furniture has been born from this salvaged wood.

Here are three choices in the East Bay : Ohmega Salvage ([www.ohmegasalvage.com](http://www.ohmegasalvage.com), 510 843\_7368) located at 2407 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley; Urban Ore, Inc. ([urbanore.ypguides.net](http://urbanore.ypguides.net), 510 841\_7283) at 900 Murray Street in Berkeley; and

The Reuse People ([www.TheReusePeople.org](http://www.TheReusePeople.org), 888 588\_9490) at 9235 San Leandro in Oakland with Habitat's ReStore located next door.

If you are planning to deconstruct a building, consider contacting Vierra Environmental Consulting ([www.vierraconsulting.com](http://www.vierraconsulting.com), 707 0258-8338). I met Toni Renee "TR" Vierra last summer when salvaging items from the closed My Café. She has partnered with the Deconstruction & Reuse Network ([www.reusenetwork.org](http://www.reusenetwork.org)) which is nonprofit and can offer a tax donation for the green efforts of her deconstruction and reuse clients.

If you are planning to remodel, check our [www.ecocoolremodel.com](http://www.ecocoolremodel.com), a Seattle website that offers green ideas for each room of your house.

#### Painting Cleanup & Disposal

I recently installed a new back door and painted it to match my house trim. That reminded me to share information about cleaning up after painting. Here are some green tips from Jennifer Kaiser of Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District:

1. Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street gutter, storm drain, or stream .
2. For water-based paints: paint out brushes and rollers; clean with warm water and detergent in a sink that drains into the sanitary sewer.
3. For oil-based paints: paint out brushes and rollers; clean with a thinner or solvent. Take used solvents to our household hazardous waste (HHW) facility which is located at the 889A Devlin Road, American Canyon. (800 984\_9661, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).
4. Completely use up or recycle excess paint. Latex paint can be recycled at Vallejo Garbage on Thursday to Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Oil Based paints, solvents, varnishes need to go the HHW listed above.

*VALCORE Recycling Board Secretary Jane Bogner's "A Sorted Affair" is published every other week in the Times-Herald. For recycling information call VALCORE Recycling at 645-8258 or visit [www.VALCORErecycling.org](http://www.VALCORErecycling.org).*

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