

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

The Reuse Warehouse accepts reusable construction material, keeps it out of landfills, and gives it to not-for-profit organizations. Got bricks?

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By the Numbers



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The Reuse Warehouse has diverted 832 tons of building material from area landfills since it opened in 2009. This exceeds the entire weight of La Mujer Bridge spanning the docks of Buenos Aires, Argentina. This cantilevered cable-stay bridge, designed by Spanish architect/engineer Santiago Calatrava, completed in 2001, swings 90 degrees to allow ships to pass. Our growing family of non-

profit organizations have collected over 700 tons of diverted material for reuse. This matches the weight of one of the 1125-foot masts supporting the Millau Viaduct over the River Tarn in France (see inset above). Designed by the British architect Sir Norman Foster and the French structural engineer Michel Virlogeux, the Millau Viaduct is the tallest bridge in the world.

Recent Events - Crazy Thursday



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On December 8th, the law firm [Vinson & Elkins LLP](#) hired a moving company to bring over 15 tons of reusable office furniture to the Reuse Warehouse. In addition to this colossal donation, B.D.& W Construction, Pamela Pearson, Wyatt Little, and the [Houston Arboretum](#) teamed up to divert 18 tons of reusable building material from landfills on one sunny day hereafter known as Crazy Thursday. December 2011 was our third largest month in landfill diversions. An average month's donation of 25 tons roughly matches the weight of a railroad box car (see inset above). Last month because of many of you, the Reuse Warehouse diverted over 45 tons, which is more like the weight of a steam locomotive. Within 2 weeks, 90% of the material accepted on Crazy Thursday was collected by charities. With more months like December, the Reuse Warehouse will cross the 1000 ton barrier by its third birthday on April 28th, 2012.

Building Partnerships - Setting Higher Goals



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The Prudential Building, a Houston Medical Center landmark designed by architect Kenneth Franzheim, was imploded in 17 seconds on Sunday morning, January 8, 2012. [The M.D. Anderson Cancer Center](#) currently owns the property. Although the general contractor, [Vaughn Construction Co.](#) is working diligently to salvage a significant percentage of the stone finishes, murals, and other material throughout the building, hundreds of tons of construction material will leave this site and enter landfills.

38% of all landfill material in our area comes from the construction and demolition industry. In order to reduce this percentage, a *deconstruction* industry must grow within the construction/demolition industry. Among people who seek to divert material on a greater scale, several questions arise:

- Is deconstruction more expensive than demolition?
- Does deconstruction take more time?
- Are trained crews available to do the work?
- What about liability?

The Reuse Warehouse receives frequent calls from professionals looking for ways to address these and other questions, and open pathways to divert larger amounts of reusable building material. Just a few of the proactive participants include [Balfour Beatty Construction](#) (formerly Spaw Maxwell), [RDLR Architects](#), [Satterfield and Pontikes Construction Inc.](#), [Kirksey](#), the [Trammell Crow Company](#), the [U.S. Green Building Council](#), the City of Houston [Green Building Resource Center](#), [Living Paradigm](#), and others. If you would like to join in this discussion and/or plan to attend a conference in the near future, please call the Reuse Warehouse at 281-814-3324.



100 Tons • [JunkGoesGreen](#)
130 tons

50 Tons • [Glauser-McNair Nursery](#) 51 tons

20 Tons • [Justin Gordon Homes](#) 22 tons • [Houston Fire Department](#) 27 tons • [Balfour Beatty Construction Co.](#) 20 tons

10 Tons • B D & W Construction 6 tons • [Bovis Lend Lease Inc.](#) 10 tons • Greg Boucher 10 tons • [Bright Side Construction](#) 12 tons • [City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Dept.](#) 16 tons • [Jamail & Smith Construction](#) 14 tons • [Patterson Tubular Services](#) 11 tons • [Preload Inc.](#) 11 tons • [Satterfield and Pontikes Construction](#) 10 tons • [TruTimber](#) 12 tons • [University of Houston Downtown College](#) 15 tons • Vinson & Elkins LLC 15 tons

5 Tons • [A & R Engineering and Testing](#) 7 Tons • [Brothers Strong Residential Design Build](#) 8 tons • [Chapman-Smith Hardware](#) 7 tons • City of Houston General Services Department 1 ton • [Conigliaro Industries](#) 9 tons • Valentine Flores • [Galveston Park Board](#) 5 tons • [Habitat for Humanity 610 South](#) 8



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of material to the Reuse
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