

## Resource recovery guide for builders

### Appoint a resource recovery hero

- to carry out the resource recovery plan
- to help site workers use the reuse and recycling systems
- to help set up and monitor recycling and reuse stations

### Ordering and storage

- reduce packaging and waste by ordering what you need when you need it
- when possible, use materials immediately so they don't get damaged
- store materials carefully to keep them secure, dry and organised

### Work with your supplier

- to source sustainable materials
- to minimise packaging
- to return and reuse packaging (e.g. pallets)
- to trial new reuse-return packaging options

### During the project

- create a resource recovery plan
- record and evaluate your data
- plan work to receive and use product straight away
- protect finished work so it doesn't get damaged
- use offcuts (timber, wiring, cabling, piping, insulation etc)
- use recycling schemes for your trade
- recycle metals and recyclable packaging

### Know your waste streams

Think about material use from the early stages right through to the final stages of the build, for example:

- concrete, bricks etc
- timber offcuts
- rebar, roofing iron
- plastic and packaging
- plumbing waste
- electrical waste
- plasterboard
- insulation
- decorating
- flooring

### Work together for waste reduction

- have somebody on site responsible for waste reduction
- work with subcontractors who are aligned with your values
- make it hard to waste materials by getting rid of the skip
- clearly label areas for recycling and reuse materials
- talk about resource recovery expectations at meetings
- measure your progress and celebrate your success
- request waste management plans from subcontractors

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