



Using less building materials

Commercial and housing building projects are big business in South Australia. In many urban areas, suburbs and towns, new houses, housing developments, office blocks and factories are being built. Renovation and urban renewal projects are equally common, and all these projects generate waste.

Although there are firms in Adelaide that recycle building materials, the construction and demolition industries contribute about 40% of all landfill waste.

Valuable and recyclable items, such as timber, bricks, and fittings and fixings, are still being sent to landfill.

From business, profitability and environmental perspectives, minimising this waste makes sense.

Everyone involved in the building and construction industry:

- clients
- householders
- business
- government
- architects and designers
- builders
- project managers
- contractors

can make a difference in managing and reducing waste.

Did you know?

Between 4 - 6 tonnes of waste is generated during construction of an average-sized house. (KESAB Waste Audit)

What can be done?

Construction waste can be minimised by following the 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Recycling and waste management – who to contact:

The Which Bin website, www.whichbin.sa.gov.au and the Which Bin phone hotline 1300 137 118 provide how, where and what to recycle in South Australia.

Contact your local council.



WARNING: \$300 on-the-spot fine may apply.

For further information

Environment Protection Authority **Your Industry Association**
 Phone: 08 8204 2004
 Freecall (country): 1800 623 445
 Website: www.epa.sa.gov.au
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