



ScrapHouse Team Green Building Tips

ScrapHouse is a wonderfully unique example of reuse in the greatest sense of the term. An array of materials--collected from salvage yards, dumps, or collected from waste piles at active construction sites--will be transformed into an elegant one-bedroom green home. Many of the materials will be used for their original intent, and others will take new life. ScrapHouse demonstrates that materials that are thrown away, or considered to be junk, still have an effective life-span. One person's trash is someone else's treasure.

It's easy for you to make your next remodeling project or new construction green and incorporate salvaged or scrap materials:

1. Hire green building-trained professionals to design and build your home.
2. Require that a waste management plan is followed whereby all materials are sorted appropriately for recycling, salvage, and waste.
3. Identify design strategies where salvaged materials or recycled content will be incorporated.
4. Allocate space for recycling and compost containers.
5. Ensure the maximum amount of natural daylight and ventilation to improve comfort, reduce energy consumption, prevent mildew, and decrease the rate at which VOCs and formaldehyde are released into the environment.
6. Use low- or no- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and formaldehyde-free materials to create a healthy indoor environment.
7. Ensure proper ventilation to reduce your energy costs and prevent mold and other allergens from forming.
8. Install or replace old appliances and light fixtures with energy efficient products. Look for the Energy Star label on appliances and check with your local utility for rebates.
9. Insulate water heater tank and pipes.
10. Choose furniture, carpets, and mattresses that do not contain VOCs or formaldehyde.

For more information on green building, please visit the SF Environment website, online at www.sfgov.org/sfenvironment/.

ScrapHouse is the convergence of creativity, sustainability, and urban excitement, located at the intersection of Grove St. and Polk, on Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. It will be open to the public from 10:00am to 8:00pm, Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2005. These dates coincide with the United Nations' World Environment Day 2005. More information is available at www.scraphouse.org, along with photos of the process and additional information on green building and reuse. Information is available by phone at 415/355-3700 and by email at info@scraphouse.org.

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