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The Reuse Warehouse February 2012 Newsletter

By the Numbers - Moving Right Along



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Jerry Patterson House Moving Company won the [International Association of Structural Movers](#) award for the "Heaviest Building Moved on Rubber Tires" in 2010. Instead of taking up valuable space in a landfill, the Mills Seed Company Building was relocated 11 city blocks in Washington, Iowa, to be renovated for apartments and office space. The three-story, 13,000 square foot structure exceeds the size of the Reuse Warehouse. Its weight, 880 tons, matches the weight of material that citizens and organizations have rolled through the Warehouse since 2009. The locomotive waiting for the Seed Building to pass weighs approximately 45 tons, which equals warehouse donations for each of the last two months. [Video](#)

Out in the Community - with Sarah Mason



Reuse Warehouse

Sarah Mason, creator of the Reuse Warehouse and Sr. Environmental Analyst with the City of Houston Department of

Reuse Warehouse

ABOUT US



Warehouse

The City of Houston Building Materials Reuse Warehouse, a component of the Department of Solid Waste Management, accepts donations of gently used building material from citizens and companies, diverts the material from area landfills, and distributes it exclusively to non-profit organizations at no charge. The Reuse Warehouse is located at 9003 North Main Street Houston, Texas 77022 281-814-3324 www.houstonreuse.org

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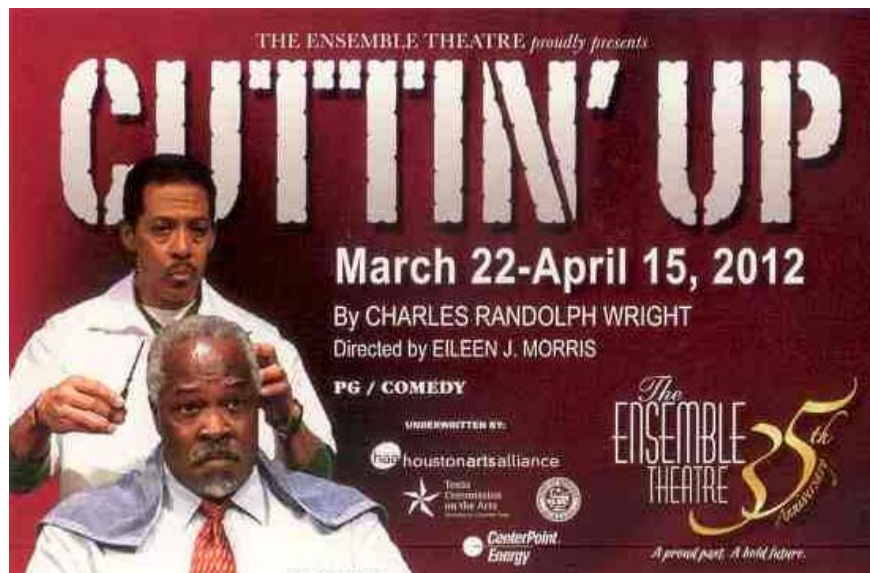
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Solid waste Management (above left), recently toured several locations where not-for-profit organizations have reused materials collected at 9003 North Main Street. The [Parish School](#)'s mission is "to identify, educate, and empower children who have language and learning deficiencies". Jill Wood (above right) is the librarian and Adventure Playground Director at the Parish School. At the [Adventure Playground](#), one of only a few in the U.S., children "conceptualize and build" their own temporary structures "with supplies and tools available using their own ingenuity and persistence". Many of the materials shown above, such as lumber and pipe, came from the Reuse Warehouse. Parish School students cleaned and flattened aluminum cans to make siding and have built mazes, swings, tunnels, forts, bridges, and an obstacle course.

Upcoming Events - A Stage Set Features Reused Materials



The Ensemble Theatre

Set Designers Janelle Flanagan and Ray Walker collected lots of material from the Reuse Warehouse for the set of the [Ensemble Theatre](#)'s upcoming performances of *Cuttin' Up*. *Cuttin' Up*, written by Charles Randolph Wright and directed by Eileen J. Morris, is "an exploration of an African American barbershop trimmed with a series of thought provoking and funny anecdotes, memories, and music into a living oral history covering 60 years". Catch the show and see if your diverted construction material was included!

Building Partnerships - Reducing Waste - Gaining Skills



TX RX Labs

B.D.&W. Construction Co. recently delivered over 300 bleacher seats to the Reuse Warehouse salvaged from renovations nearby at [Booker T. Washington High School](#). Teachers from [TX RX Labs](#), a nonprofit organization, collected the seats, flipped them over and converted the undersides into efficient wall-mounted electrical parts bins. TX RX Labs' goals are to bring creative people together, to serve as an incubator for imaginative solutions to everyday problems, and to make opaque scientific and technical concepts accessible to everyone through education. Classes in the [Spring Schedule](#) include woodworking, welding, ceramics, machine shop training, plasma cutting, soldering, analog circuitry, and more. We look forward to working with TX RX Labs to develop new reuses for diverted materials while helping people to develop new - and old - skills!

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