



Monday, October 31, 2011 – Happy Halloween!

- Please note - the Reuse Warehouse will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We will reopen, as scheduled, on Saturday, November 12th.
- You can now view present and past editions of the newsletter on this website: www.reusewarehouse.blogspot.com



Numbers-at-a-Glance



Halloween traditionally marks the beginning of the holiday season. The [Voyage](#) in the Thanksgiving section of Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana is a rollercoaster that sends its frightened riders over a 154-foot drop at 67 miles per hour. It is supported by a steel structure that weighs 750 tons. This equals the weight of construction material local individuals and companies have kept out of landfills by making donations to the Reuse Warehouse. To size up such a quantity of material, thrill seekers may take a virtual ride on

the Voyager by watching this video: [click here](#).

Photo Credit: Rollercoaster Database



Over 200 non-profit organizations have brought 640 tons of doomed lumber, bricks, and other materials back to life by collecting it from the warehouse. This surpasses the weight of the [Tower of Terror](#) in Queensland Australia, the tallest amusement park ride in the southern hemisphere. Trembling passengers drop 328 feet, reach a speed of 100 miles per hour, and achieve weightlessness for 6.5 seconds.

Photo Credit: Rollercoaster Database

Each month, we keep an average of 25 tons of construction material from being buried alive in Houston area landfills. This weighs more than the scariest of carnival attractions, the [Zipper](#) (pictured above).

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Upcoming Events



Farmfest! - Saturday, November 5th. Come to the Reuse Warehouse/Living Paradigm booth at this year's Last Organic Outpost [Farmfest](#). In addition to other activities, reused ceramic tile and non-toxic mortar will be on-hand for kids to make mosaic art. Our demonstration and event will begin just after noon.

Bioneers! - Friday and Saturday, November 11th & 12th - *Reimagining Community* Listen to a world-class line up of inspiring local speakers talk about innovative ideas and solutions to challenges that face all Houstonians. Monday Nov. 14th - *Backyard Biomimicry Workshop* - Draw inspirations from the natural world - found right in our own backyard! Bioneers, a national, non-profit educational organization that highlights breakthrough solutions for restoring people and the planet, is organized by the Blackwood Educational

land Institute in partnership with the City Of Houston. For more information, please check the website: [here](#).

The Redeemer Church Thanksgiving Feast! - Saturday, November 12th - 1100 Cavalcade Blvd., Houston 77009.. Call Pastor Rudy Matamoros at 832-790-9174 for details. Bring your own dish !

Building New Partnerships



Earlier this month, Cindy Mathieu, and her sister Sandy, proprietors of [Green Life Aquaponics](#) in Spring, Texas, generously donated several much-needed shop tools to the Reuse Warehouse. The table saw, radial-arm saw, and other tools will enable us to process and reuse more

donated wood products thereby diverting more material from landfills. Thank you very much!

Getting Out in the Community



Artist [Steve Keene](#) uses mass production techniques to make original art accessible to everyone. Time magazine referred to him as the ['Assembly Line Picasso'](#). Keene recently rolled out a batch of paintings on cabinet doors from the Reuse Warehouse and displayed them on salvaged lumber and furniture at the Contemporary Arts Fair held at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Thanks to David Krueger, Preparator of the [Rice University Art Gallery](#), for this photo.



Melissa Mayer, Pastor of Serving Ministry at [Chapelwood United Methodist Church](#) in west Houston, sent us this photograph. Chapelwood collected material from the Reuse Warehouse to construct a village display to educate its congregation about some of the health risks encountered from living in high-density areas. In addition to 'opening people's eyes', the church also raised money for malaria nets, a clinic in Haiti, and packed health kits to be shared with rural healthcare workers.

Inventory News

Check: www.flickr.com/photos/houstonreuse/ to see photos of common inventory items as well as projects made from reclaimed materials.

- **Beautiful Granite, Marble, and Sandstone** – We have 15 pallets of stone cuttings which can be used for floors, countertops, sculptures, landscaping. According to Jim Ohmart of the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, granite makes a great non-stick surface to knead bread dough.
- **Concrete Cylinders** – Concrete test cylinders are 6_ in diameter and 12_ in length. They make great raised garden borders along with other imaginative re-uses.
- **Cabinets** – Many high quality commercial and residential cabinets are still available. Several oak desks with matching credenzas are also available.
- **Vinyl siding** – Houston resident Richard Cavazar carefully removed, bundled, and delivered an entire house-worth of canary yellow vinyl siding. The entire batch is in very good condition.
- **Church Pews** – Junk Goes Green recently delivered 4 church pews in excellent condition. They are 12 feet in length, made of oak with upholstered seats.
- **Do you need Paint?** As you may know, the Reuse Warehouse does not stock paint products. However, a wide variety of latex and oil-based paint, conditioners, varnishes, de-glossers, thinners and other similar products are available free of charge Fridays, from 9am until 12 noon at the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's [Environmental Service Center](#), 11500 South Post Oak Road, Houston, TX 77035. Call 713-551-7355 for more information.

Pilot Programs

- **Bring Us Your Cardboard!**
The Warehouse received a generous [Houston Galveston Area Council](#) waste reduction grant to purchase a cardboard baler. The baler is now in service and ready for your cardboard. Proceeds from the sale of recycled cardboard go towards our budget.
- **Alert List** Non-profit organizations are encouraged to [email their needs for particular materials](#). We will do our best to find what you need.
- **Gifts in Kind** Anyone may donate tools, fasteners, gloves, protective eyewear, storage racks, and other items for use at the Reuse Warehouse. We appreciate your donations, make good use of them, and keep itemized records. By helping us to process and store more material, we can divert more material from landfills.
- **Layaway Plan** Non-profit organizations may store material at the warehouse in exchange for time spent volunteering. Call 281-814-3324 for details.

Friendly Reminders

- **Please note - the Reuse Warehouse will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We will reopen, as scheduled, on Saturday, November 12th.**

The Reuse Warehouse is closed on Mondays. Reuse Warehouse hours are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30am until 4:30pm and every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Thanks and keep coming by!

If you are collecting material, please be safe and secure! Bring plenty of ropes and straps to tie the materials to your vehicle. As much as we would like to provide these items, we cannot unless they are dropped off by someone else.

For everyone's safety, please observe the traffic signs, watch for pedestrians, and drive slowly through the parking lot and loading areas. Trailers must have all safety features in place.

Thank you!

About Us

Construction material accounts for **38%** of the waste stream in the Houston area. The Building Materials Reuse Warehouse, a component of the [City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department](#), benefits the community by providing space for excess building materials that would otherwise be dumped in local landfills. We accept material from individuals, supply companies, and builders, and make it freely available for reuse by any non-profit organization. The Reuse Warehouse is funded in part by a grant from the [Houston Galveston Area Council](#), a region-wide voluntary association of local governments in the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region of Texas.

Contact Us

Don't hesitate to share any questions, comments and ideas with us. If your name, organization, or company was not included in this Newsletter, please let us know.

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The Ton Club

Members of the Ton Club have donated at least one ton of material to the Reuse Warehouse. Some have donated several tons. The City of Houston Reuse Warehouse does not endorse private companies and mentions their names solely because they have made donations or partnered with the project in some way.

100 Tons • [JunkGoesGreen](#) 114 tons

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

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

10 Tons • [Bovis Lend Lease Inc.](#) 10 tons • Greg Boucher 10 tons • [Bright Side Construction](#) 11 tons • [Jamail & Smith Construction](#) 14 tons • [Patterson Tubular Services](#) 10 tons • [Preload Inc.](#) 11 tons • [Satterfield and Pontikes Construction](#) 10 tons • [TruTimber](#) 12 tons • [University of Houston Downtown College](#) 10 tons

5 Tons • [A & R Engineering and Testing](#) 6 Tons • [Brothers Strong Residential Design Build](#) 8 tons • [Chapman-Smith Hardware](#) 7 tons • [City of Houston](#) 8 tons • [Conigliaro Industries](#) 9 tons • [Durotech General Contractors Inc.](#) 5 tons • [Galveston Park Board](#) 5 tons • [Habitat for Humanity 610 South](#) 8 tons • [Karen Lantz AIA LEED AP](#) 7 tons • [The Museum of Fine Arts Houston](#) 6 tons

1 Ton • The Alley Theatre 1 ton • [Ambius](#) 1 ton • Bobcat Welding 1 ton • Andy Andreason 1 ton • Chad Cutten 1 ton • [Custom Plumbing and Hardware](#) 1 ton • [The Detering Company](#) 1 ton • Jacques Duplantis 1 ton • [El Centro De Corazon](#) • Andres Cruz 1 tons • Emson Services LLC 1 ton • [The Galloway School](#) 1 ton • [General Electric](#) 2 tons • [GEO Environmental Consultants Inc.](#) 1 ton • [Gilbane Construction Inc.](#) 3 tons • Carol Grosso 1 ton • [The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts](#) 4 tons • [Historic Houston](#) 3 tons • [Sherry Tseng Hill Architects](#) 3 Tons • Kathy Solis 1 ton • [The Junk Cart](#) • Keith Koski 1 Ton • [KIAH TV Channel 39](#) 3 tons • The Mayer Family 1 ton • Douglas Laguarte 1 ton • Charles Marion 1 ton • [The Menil Collection](#) 1 ton • Next Generation Construction 1 ton • [Oak Forest Lumber and Supply Co.](#) 1 ton • Oasis Landscaping 1 ton • [O'Donnell/Snyder Construction](#) 2 tons • Jim Pays 1 ton • Patrick Peters 1 ton • Antonio Ramirez 2 tons • R.E.M.A. Enterprises 1 Ton • Jeff Simons 1 ton • Tony Washington 2 tons • Dan Young 1 ton

Reuse Partners

Partners collaborate with the Reuse Warehouse by exchanging ideas, networking, by donating tools and other gifts in kind, and by organizing volunteer services.

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Non-Profit Organizations

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