

FURNITURE REUSE

Furniture comes in all forms, from metal and plastic to wood and fabric. While this gives plenty of options for interior decorators, it also complicates the disposal process. When developing your construction waste management plan, your best bet for old furniture is to repair if possible, donate if available, and recycle as bulk waste as a last resort. Kimball provides the following guidance:

ORGANIZATIONS THAT ACCEPT DONATIONS

Contact a local secondhand store to see if your product can be donated. Even if your furniture needs repair, many stores will perform these functions and resell your items. Another option is to contact an organization that specializes in dispositioning of surplus furniture. The following are a few:

Salvation Army	(800) 728-7825	www.salvationarmyusa.org
Goodwill	(800) 466-3945	www.goodwill.org
Habitat for Humanity	(800) 422-4828	www.habitat.org
GreenStandards	(855) 632-8036	www.greenstandardsltd.com
ANEW	(203) 943-4400	www.anewfound.org

FURNITURE RECYCLING

When recycling is the only option, the following is recommended:

- + Make sure your furniture is free of all personal items.
- + Determine the base material of your furniture. Panel systems are usually made of metal, whereas desks and tables are often wood or synthetic wood. Lounge and chairs are typically upholstered in linen, cotton or leather.
- + Use the product disassembly instructions found on our website. These instructions identify standard tools, safety equipment, and drawings and descriptions for disassembly.
- + Consult the 'Material Recovery Opportunity' document located on our website. This document provides high-level information about recycling furniture materials.
- + Find a recycler in your area and arrange for material recycling.

