

- On an average day 40,000 tons of gypsum waste (equivalent to 40,000 cars) is sent to land fills around the globe every day.
- The U.S. produces approximately 15 million tons of new drywall per year.
- Approximately 12 percent of new construction drywall is wasted during installation.
- Massachusetts is passing legislation that will take effect 1-9-09 that will require all new construction gypsum scrap be recycled. **Get on board and start doing it NOW!**

April 2008 Topic:

Recycling Drywall

Gypsum Recycling of America:

Gypsum Recycling of America (GRA) is located in Cambridge and currently recycles new construction drywall scrap. They also have a pilot program to recycle demolished drywall.

- GRA can live load from anywhere in the city.
- Space permitting, they will drop off covered dumpsters for larger projects.
- A 30 yard dumpster is approximately \$530 with no weight limit. GRA rates are typically lower than rates for most trash haulers.
- GRA will accept drywall at their Cambridge facility. The cost is \$14 per yard.
- For more information you can contact Patrick Manning at 617-596-4297.

For additional information go to: <http://www.usgbc.org> or <http://www.gypsumrecycling.us>

Did you know? Green Tips for Home

Where can you find recycled GWB:

The USG Sheetrock Montreal plant produces recycled wall board that is composed of 95% post-industrial, recycled gypsum. In addition, the paper used in their production is made from 100% recycled material. Building supply companies such as Kamco can provide GWB from the USG Montreal plant, if specified, at no additional charge.

Call Kamco at 508-587-1500 from more information.



Green Innovation

At the recently completed Harvard Medical International project, Tom Buie was required to recycle 100% of the new scrap drywall from construction. Over the course of the project, Tom was able to recycle 9,500 lbs. of clean drywall scrap from a 23,000sq/ft job. Tom made this possible by requiring his labor and drywall foremen to stack all drywall cuts onto pallets throughout the job. Tom organized the job so the pallets were in locations that would not interfere with the next trade that came through. In the end, all the drywall scraps were brought to the Gypsum Recycling of America facility and recycled. Overall, Tom proved that recycling drywall can be done on a fast-track, downtown, TI job.



LEED Project Updates

Pending LEED Certification

Harvard Medical International – Owner Occupied

- The project team is close to submitting the project to the USGBC for review and certification.

In Construction

Virgin Money - Currently pursuing LEED Certification.

- Virgin Money is scheduled for occupancy by the end of May.

In the Pipeline

Leggat McCall Properties

- The project will pursue LEED Certification. Construction begins in June, 2008.

For further information or suggestions please email Commodore's Green Building Committee at greenbuildingcommittee@commodorebuilders.com.