

DECONSTRUCTION & BUILDING MATERIALS REUSE NETWORK, INC. Fact Sheet

Mission: Deconstruction Network is a nonprofit that works to advance the principle of “reduce, reuse, and recycle” within the construction and demolition industries by empowering homeowners, building industry professionals, and civic leaders in California to choose deconstruction over demolition.

What is Deconstruction? Deconstruction is the careful dismantling and reclaiming of a structure's reusable, finished materials and rough lumber.

About the Company: Deconstruction Network is an environmental public benefit corporation 501(c)(3), committed to promoting and empowering deconstruction practices and growing a greater reuse network for quality building materials through partnerships with complimentary operations and organizations. Prior to starting Deconstruction Network in 2007, Lorenz Schilling worked for six years in the deconstruction industry and recognized that homeowners needed more user-friendly programs available to them if they were going to choose deconstruction over demolition. Deconstruction Network streamlines the donation process so that everything from the initial assessment, to hiring a contractor, to receiving completed IRS forms at the conclusion of the job, is simple and straightforward.

Services for Homeowners: Deconstruction Network's program for homeowners is comprehensive and can be broken down into four easy steps.

Meet your team: We will connect you with an appraiser and deconstruction contractor.

We inventory your home's reusable materials: A Deconstruction Network representative will complete a thorough inventory. The process takes approximately 1 hour per 1000 square feet of living space. This inventory will be combined with the lumber inventory, when applicable, and is necessary to substantiate your donation.

Deconstruction happens: Items are carefully removed, staged and then distributed to other appropriate non-profits such as Habitat for Humanity and Corazon. After finished materials have been removed from project site, framing lumber is dismantled, unitized, and inventory prior to shipping.

You receive an itemized report and final appraisal for your tax filing: You are on your way to receiving your tax deduction and have helped to preserve scarce landfill space.

Services for Industry Professionals: Architects, builders, and general contractors are encouraged to forego traditional demolition at every opportunity and to embrace deconstruction and general green principles whenever possible. Deconstruction Networks' programs can help!

Become a ReUse Network Member Architect or Member Builder: We'll link you to homeowners and other industry professionals interested in deconstruction, as well as, keep you current on user-friendly solutions and frequent updates about industry practices, resources and legislation.

Non-Profit Partners: Deconstruction Network partners with complimentary nonprofits, namely Habitat for Humanity and Corazon. Reclaimed materials, such as windows, doors, and lumber are donated to Habitat for Humanity and are either reused or resold into the community through Habitat ReStores. Similarly, raw building materials are donated to Corazon, a ministry that builds homes in Baja California.