



ReSource Celebrates Two Years of Offering Residents Used Building Materials

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Fort Collins, CO - ReSource Fort Collins recently celebrated its two-year anniversary of providing northern Colorado with high-quality used building materials and architectural salvage, diverting more than 3 million pounds of reclaimed material from Larimer County area landfills since its inception in 2006.

As a business that cares about its greenhouse gas emissions impact and ways to save money, ReSource has been a Climate Wise Program partner since 2007. Climate Wise is a city sponsored voluntary greenhouse gas reduction program for business that promotes operational efficiency as a way to reduce environmental impacts and lower costs.

Resource fills an essential role in Fort Collins' overall recycling initiatives by providing a destination for reusable building materials. It frequently hosts community events to raise awareness of the environmental and economic benefits of building material salvaging.

Located at 1501 North College Avenue, ReSource has been a Fort Collins mainstay in providing homeowners with period materials for home improvement projects; accepting tax-deductible donations of diverse used building materials; selling the re-used materials at deeply discounted rates; offering education on construction and demolition material reuse; and promoting deconstruction as a cost-effective and environmentally viable alternative to traditional building demolition.

Deconstruction involves systematically taking a structure apart to maximize the reuse value of the original building materials. "Construction and demolition debris makes up as much as 30% of our community's waste stream," says ReSource store manager Kendol Gustafson.

"Most of this material is reusable and recyclable, and we're pleased to offer these services to the Fort Collins community. The support we receive from the community through donations and sales of materials keeps us going." From lumber to cabinets, doors to landscape materials, windows to light fixtures, ReSource has something for most types of building projects.

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ReSource also collaborates with government entities. Currently, for example, the store is working with Fort Collins Utilities to provide citizens with a simple recycling option for older, inefficient ceramic toilet fixtures. By simply removing the hardware from toilets, residents can take their fixture to ReSource at no cost to them. Thanks to its partnership with Utilities, the toilets are ground at the Streets Department Crushing Operation and used in road base.

To make a tax-deduction donation or learn more about the available used building materials, call 498-9663, or visit www.resourceyard.org

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