

# Hot & TRENDY

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## TRASH – Doesn't Have to be a Dirty Word!

By Jim Milligan

You have spent countless hours planning and making decisions about your upcoming kitchen or bath remodeling project. The contractor has been hired, the design is complete and the products have been selected. Now, you can sit back and watch it happen.

**BUT WAIT!** Do you have a plan for the disposal of the items to be removed?

Things that may no longer be of use to you may still have a lot of life in them. They may be very useful to someone else. The adage "One man's trash is another man's treasure" could apply to the appliances, cabinets and fixtures you are about to part with.



The easy solution is to load everything in the big yellow Eldredge dumpster sitting in your yard, then wave goodbye as it heads toward the scrap yard. Much of the material will be sorted and then recycled into other products. This is a good thing.

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There are also many other ways to find a good home for that “old stuff”. The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is one of the better known organizations that accepts donations of useable items in good condition. They sell the items to generate revenues to build Habitat Homes. You feel good that your “trash” is making someone else happy. And you may be able to claim a tax deduction. Don’t take your broken pieces of sheetrock to them, as they won’t take everything. Call or check on line for items they will accept.

Don’t forget about the many other non-profit organizations in your community, such as Goodwill Industries, schools, animal shelters, Red Cross,



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churches, etc. Someone may be in need of a couple of cabinets or a piece of countertop; used furniture in good condition; windows or doors.

Maybe you want to have a yard sale? There may be someone in your community whose house had a fire or water damage and could use a helping hand. Perhaps a neighbor, friend or relative would be interested in a few

of your “cast-aways”.

The larger point here is that the more we recycle and re-use, the healthier we and the planet become. You don’t have to be an extreme eco person. Just know that every little bit helps.

Now, you can sit back and feel good as your remodeling project becomes reality.



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Jim was a real find for us here at Atlantic Design Center. Jim owned and operated his own Kitchen Center in southern Maine for 12 years. With a grand total of 22 years experience as a kitchen designer, Jim brings with him a wealth of practical experience. His calm and steady approach and easygoing nature makes him a pleasure to work with. Jim’s ability to listen to the customer and quickly determine what their needs are, is a testimony to his years of experience. He also has a loyal following of customers and contractors that appreciate his attention to detail and his commitment to deliver great service.

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