#### **BENEFITS** MATERIAL **DESCRIPTION/TIPS DRAWBACKS**

# Salvaged Clay Brick



Made by forming and drying clay, bricks are then fired in kilns at temperatures up to 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. Brick production is a major source of air pollution in some developing countries, because of wood-fired kilns. Most domestic manufacturers use much cleanerburning natural gas.

Tips: Salvaged brick is available from used building materials suppliers, salvage yards, online exchanges and newspaper classifieds-or right at home. If not enough salvaged brick is available for your project, look for local, or at least domestic, brick sources.

reusable; can be reconfigured

cleaning mortar from salvaged brick is time-consuming

#### Salvaged Stone



Quarried and fabricated around the world; quarrying practices and transport means create environmental impacts. Salvaged stone eliminates these impacts by reusing materials already produced.

Tips: Look for sources of salvaged stone for least environmental impact. Alternatively, find local sources of stone, and ask about quarrying practices.

reusable; can be reconfigured

can be difficult to find amounts of a single stone to finish a larger project

#### **Crushed Quarry Rock**



Crushed quarry rock extracted from inland quarries is generally less damaging to the environment than gravel operations, which often disrupt more sensitive land near streams and lakes. Also, nearly 100% of stone from a quarry is used, whereas substantial waste occurs with gravel operations.

Tips: Look for local sources quarried away from lakes and streams. Take care to lay crushed rock properly for stormwater infiltration: See Anne Lovejoy's Organic Garden Design School (see Resources) for information.

weed barrier ahsorbs stormwater even surface good for wheelchair

accessibility

not recycled

#### Wood Chips



Chipped on site or available from tree services and landscape materials suppliers, wood chips utilize an urban waste source.

Tips: Arborists and tree services will sometimes drop off chips for free or a small fee; you can also rent wood chippers to make a homemade path.

recycled content resilient surface can reduce risk of injury in falls composts over time

degrades over time; must be replenished

### **Nutshells**



Nut processors generate large volumes of nutshells seasonally. Hazelnuts are regionally produced. Shells are often burned for fuel; using them for mulch and pathways reduces the amount of burning and protects air quality.

Tips: Look for regional sources; mainly from Oregon. Nut processing occurs October through December; look for them while they're in season.

recycled content effective at controlling weeds composts over time

degrades over time; must be replenished availability limited to nut processing season

## **Tumbled Recycled**



Glass bottles from recycling processors are broken and tumbled to create beach-style glass without sharp edges.

Tips: Look for local manufacturers. Tumbled glass is also useful for accent material in pots and water features.

recycled content lasts indefinitely reusable locally available

can look messy over time