

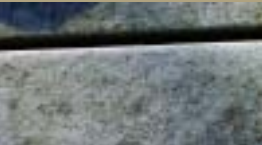





rockery & raised bed choices

MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION/TIPS	BENEFITS	DRAWBACKS
<p>Broken Concrete</p> 	<p>Described in <i>Patio, walkway & path choices</i> on page 7, broken concrete is a common material often available free if you pick it up, or delivered for a fee.</p> <p>Tips: Look for broken concrete from a single job, such as a driveway or sidewalk demolition (you're likely to see free piles in front yards if you keep an eye out). Chunks of concrete from one source are more likely the same depth and much easier to stack. Find broken concrete through online services and classified ads. Some object to the aesthetics of broken concrete. A stone chisel can give a more natural look to the face broken concrete, and trailing plants can camouflage its surface.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recycled content durable reusable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wide pieces take up a lot of gardening space in raised beds
<p>Wood Timbers</p> 	<p>The most common landscape timbers are <i>pressure treated</i> (injected with rot- and insect-inhibiting chemicals under pressure). For years, treatment with <i>chromium copper arsenate</i> was standard (see the <i>Decking</i> table on page 10 for a description of the hazards of this type of wood treatment). Naturally rot-resistant species, such as juniper, can endure ground contact without the application of toxic wood preservatives.</p> <p>Tips: Look for locally harvested products, preferably with Forest Stewardship certification. Avoid creosote-coated landscape timbers and railroad ties, which can leach toxic materials into surrounding soils.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> natural material local sources available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> even rot-resistant species eventually rot can harbor carpenter ants and termites
<p>Recycled Plastic</p> 	<p>Plastic from consumers and the automotive industry is collected, melted, and formed into 4"x4"x8', 6"x6"x8' and larger sizes. This rot-proof material can be left in direct contact with soil.</p> <p>Tips: Look for 100% recycled content. Recycled plastic products are also manufactured locally—look for products made close to home to reduce transportation-related pollution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> durable recycled content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> large dimensions can be difficult to cut
<p>Salvaged Stone</p> 	<p>See <i>Patio, walkway & path choices</i> on page 7 for a description of salvaged stone.</p> <p>Tips: Landscapes being renovated or redesigned can be a source of salvaged stone. Online exchanges and classified ads are good places to look; see <i>Resources</i> on page 20.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> natural material reused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> can be difficult to find quantities of one kind for a large job