

PROS OF MATERIAL GUIDANCE

The most important goal for any new home-builder or remodeler should be protecting and expanding the life of their home. It is important to purchase materials that are effective, competitively priced and are backed by a company that stands behind their product.



Below is a list of considerations that should be evaluated while in the market for building materials:

- Look for suppliers or manufacturers who are reputable and are committed to their product.
- Take advantage of the supplier's direct knowledge of their products. Have them advise you on what products will most benefit your needs
- Try to get estimates on pricing from multiple suppliers. Shop around and see who will give you the biggest bang for your buck.
- Research the success rates of materials you're considering prior to purchase. You may even discover new materials that better suite your needs and may be friendlier to the environment.
- Make sure the amount of materials ordered is as accurate as possible to your material takeoff. Underestimating will lead to extra expenses for rush orders, while overestimating will lead to a pile of unused materials, thus an increase in waste and unnecessary expenses.
- When ordering materials, don't wait until the last minute. This can lead to extra fees in order to meet rush deadlines.
- Arrange for delivery dates that coincide with the building schedule so to reduce storage and material loss.
- Make sure storage areas are safe, secure and weatherproof.
- Make sure that any damaged or incomplete material packages are rejected.

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Sales of the Season

Often suppliers will hold seasonal sales to get rid of old stock in order to make room for next years models. Two common examples are the discounted sale of decking materials and landscaping supplies during fall months. By purchasing 'out of season' products, you will be able to save money on your project.



Liquidation Stores

Often when large construction companies finish a project they have an abundance of materials leftover. This is because some products, such as tile, are overstocked so to ensure that there is enough material to complete a layout or design. These leftovers are passed on to liquidation stores, which also handle fire sales, slightly damaged products and discontinued lines. Usually items such as tile, carpet, windows, hardwood flooring and others can be picked up at much lower prices than you would otherwise find.



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