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## Recession restoration

by **The Republican**

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When a home is torn down, most of its parts - from the kitchen sink down to the fireplace bricks - wind up in the graveyard of a landfill. But a local builder and a nonprofit agency that specializes in sales of low-cost home improvement materials have come up with a better idea.

ReStore in Springfield, an enterprise of the Center for Ecological Technology, will recover for resale 80 percent of the materials in a vacant single-family home on Ardsley Road. After the house is "deconstructed," Kent Pecoy Companies of West Springfield, new owner of the property, will replace the house with a modern, energy-efficient model.

It's a new twist on recycling, according to John L. Grossman, store manager of ReStore. "It's actually a pretty refined art at this point," he said.

In the midst of the recession, demand for recycled building materials has never been greater.

Beyond economic necessity, using recycled goods - of any kind - is downright patriotic.

Kudos to ReStore and Pecoy for setting a good example as the Bay State works to develop green industries in the commonwealth.

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