Packaging by construction activity

Building Work

Excavation
Geotextile liners:
- Paper wrapping/ labelling

External walls
Cavity insulation:
- Timber pallets
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Wall ties:
- Cardboard boxes

Damp proof membrane:
- Plastic wrapping

Bricks and blocks:
- Timber pallets
- Metal banding
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Internal walls
Fittings and fixings:
- Cardboard boxes

Glazing:
- Plastic tubes
- Cardboard
- Lo-tac plastic

Plaster board:
- Timber pallets

Timber partition wall:
- Timber pallets

Bricks and blocks:
- Timber pallets
- Metal banding
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Roofing
Insulation:
- Plastic covering/bags
- Paper labels

Roof lights:
- Plastic
- Paper labels

Nails and screws:
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic boxes

Felt underlay:
- Paper labels
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Roof tiles:
- Timber pallets
- Steel banding
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Foundations
Sealant:
- Plastic cans

First fix electrics
Wire and cable:
- Cardboard drums
- Plastic shrink-wrap
- Timber drums

Cable trays and ducts:
- Plastic labelling

Fittings, eg back boxes:
- Cardboard

First fix plumbing
Fixings:
- Paper labels
- Cardboard

Fittings, eg valves:
- Cardboard
- Plastic

Copper pipes:
- Plastic banding

Precast concrete floors
Blocks:
- Timber pallets
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Flooring and screeding
Powder mix:
- Plastic
- Paper

Cement additives:
- Plastic

Steelwork
Fittings:
- Cardboard boxes

Doors and windows
Fittings and fixings:
- Plastic boxes
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic tubes

Doors and frames:
- Timber bracing
- Plastic
- Paper labels
- Cardboard edge/ corner protection
- Plastic edge/ corner protection

Windows:
- Lo-tac plastic
- Plastic shrink-wrap
- Paper labels
- Cardboard edge/ corner protection
- Plastic edge/ corner protection

Fit Out

Second fix electrics
Large electrical goods:
- Timber pallets
- Plastic shrink-wrap
- Cardboard boxes

Fittings, eg switch plates:
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic bags
- Plastic boxes

Second fix plumbing
Fittings, eg taps:
- Plastic bags
- Plastic boxes
- Cardboard boxes

Large plumbing goods:
- Timber pallets
- Plastic shrink-wrap
- Cardboard boxes

Decorating
Paint:
- Plastic cans
- Metal cans

Solvents:
- Plastic bottles

Wall tiles:
- Timber pallets
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Carpet:
- Cardboard rolls

Joinery
Timber fittings, eg skirting:
- Paper labels

Fixings:
- Cardboard boxes

Ceilings
Fittings:
- Cardboard boxes

Tiles:
- Cardboard boxes
- Timber pallets

External Work

Street furniture
Bollards:
- Plastic banding
- Timber pallets

Fencing and railings:
- Plastic banding
- Timber pallets

Street lamps:
- Plastic banding
- Bubble wrap
- Timber framing

Hard landscaping
Brick paviors:
- Timber pallets
- Metal banding
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Kerb stones:
- Timber pallets
- Metal banding
- Plastic shrink-wrap

Paving slabs:
- Timber pallets
- Metal banding

Soft landscaping
Plants:
- Plastic pots

Compost:
- Plastic bags

Fertiliser:
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic bags

Seeds:
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic bags

Bulbs:
- Plastic bags

Drainage and ductwork
Fittings and fixings:
- Plastic bags
- Plastic boxes
- Cardboard boxes

Pipes:
- Timber framing
- Plastic banding

Manhole covers:
- Timber pallets

Downpipes:
- Bubble wrap
- Timber pallets

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