Do not attempt to salvage materials until your building is fully demolished. Here are a few tips on:

**MATERIAL REUSE**

1. **BE CAREFUL**
   - Don't remove doors and windows until clear above.

2. **STONE AND BRICK**
   - Confirm strength with drop test (drop brick from shoulder height).
   - Clean all mortar off bricks and stones. Do not reuse cement mortar.
   - Separate stones that are long and flat for use as corner stones and tie stones.

3. **SELF TESTING TIMBER FOR BUILDING**
   - Place timber supports with a 1 meter spacing and stand at midpoint. Ideal timber sections do not show cracking and have minimal knots.
   - Protect timber from rain and do not store timber on the ground.

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