



Limestone

Limestone is formed from sediment laid down in seawater or fresh water. Limestone contains calcite, a mineral made from crushed shells and bones of sea creatures. Much of our limestone is dolomitic limestone. This type of limestone is heavier and denser than standard limestone. Although no one is exactly sure how dolomitic limestone formed, it originated from the partial replacement of calcium in limestone by magnesium.

Limestone used in the building industry has three different classifications based on how much one cubic foot of stone weighs:

Low density: 110 - 135 pounds per cubic foot
Medium density: 135 - 160 pounds per cubic foot
High density: 160 or more pounds per cubic foot