

Creating a Framing Cut/Buy List

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The information in this article applies to:



QUESTION


I want to see a list of the materials in my plan but the materials list shows my framing materials in lineal feet. Is there a way to create a cut or buy list of the lumber used in my plan?

ANSWER

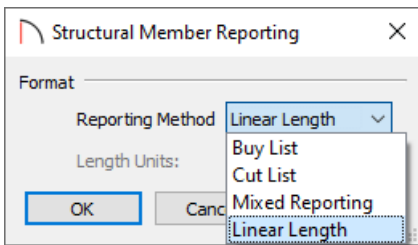
The Structural Member Reporting dialog allows you to specify the method used to calculate framing members in the Materials List. These modes include Mixed Reporting, Total Lineal Length, Cut List and Buy List.

In Home Designer Pro, you can also change the reporting method using the Lumber Reporting Method Control drop-down toolbar when a Materials List is active, or by accessing the Materials List Specification dialog.

To modify the structural member reporting

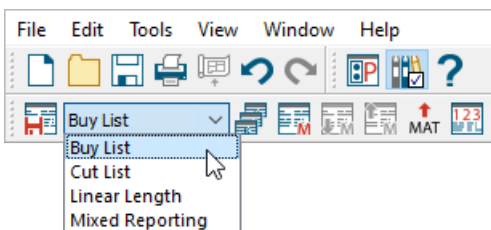
1. While in a plan file, select **Edit > Default Settings**  from the menu.
2. In the **Default Settings** dialog, select **Structural Member Reporting**, then click the **Edit** button.
3. In the **Structural Member Reporting** dialog, you can choose which kind of reporting you wish to use.


The selected method will affect subsequently created Materials Lists, but not any that may already exist.



- Select **Buy List** to calculate the framing materials by counting individual pieces and matching them to common board lengths.
- Select **Cut List** to calculate the framing materials by counting the individual pieces present in the model.
- Select **Mixed Reporting** to calculate framing materials using a combination of lineal lengths and piece counts.
- Select **Linear Length** to calculate framing materials in linear feet.

When a Materials List is active in Home Designer Pro, use the Lumber Reporting Method Control drop-down toolbar to choose which reporting method the Materials List uses.



Starting in Home Designer Pro 2022, the reporting method used can also be adjusted on the **OPTIONS** panel of the **Materials List Specification** dialog. This dialog can be accessed by navigating to **Tools > Materials List Specification**  while a Materials List is active.

