

Type	Description	Typical uses	Features and benefits
<b>Regular, 1/2-inch</b>	Gypsum core, paper-faced, tapered edges	Used for walls and ceilings in new construction and remodeling	Lower cost
<b>Sag-resistant, 1/2-inch</b>	Gypsum core, paper-faced, tapered edges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used for ceiling applications, especially in large, open floor plans</li> </ul>	Provides improved sag resistance and is lighter in weight than 5/8-inch drywall
<b>Regular, 5/8-inch</b>	Gypsum core, paper-faced, tapered edges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used in high traffic and high abuse areas</li> <li>• Used for sound control</li> <li>• Sag-resistant</li> </ul>	Provides increased strength and resistance to damage
<b>Regular, 3/8-inch</b>	Gypsum core, paper-faced, tapered edges	Applied principally in repair and remodel work over existing surfaces	Lightweight
<b>Regular, 1/4-inch</b>	Gypsum core, paper-faced, tapered edges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used as a base layer for improving sound control in multi-layer partitions and in covering old wall and ceiling surfaces</li> <li>• Used for forming curved surfaces with short radii</li> </ul>	Lightweight
<b>Water-resistant</b>	Gypsum core with water-resistant composition, chemically treated face, and back paper to combat moisture penetration; distinctive green face	Used for walls and ceilings in water-use areas like bathrooms, powder rooms, kitchens, and utility rooms	Available in regular, Type X, and Type C, in various thicknesses
<b>Type X</b>	Same as regular drywall with special additives in the gypsum core to enhance the core's integrity when exposed to fire	Used for garages, mechanicals closets, ceilings, and party walls in multi-family units	Additional fire resistance over regular drywall
<b>Type C</b>	Same as Type X with additional fire-resistant additives	Same as Type X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional fire resistance over regular and Type X drywall</li> <li>• Various thicknesses available</li> </ul>
<b>Flexible</b>		Used to create walls and ceilings where a tight radius is required, such as for curved walls, arches, and stairways	More flexible than regular drywall of the same thickness, making construction of curved surfaces easy and fast

**Commonly Used Drywall (continued)**

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<b>Flexible, 1/4-inch</b>	Same as regular drywall	Used for forming curved surfaces with short radii	Lightweight
<b>Foil-backed</b>	Regular, Type X, or Type C drywall with kraft-backed aluminum foil laminated to the back surface	Used for interior side of exterior walls and ceilings in cold climates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates an effective vapor retarder to help prevent interior moisture from entering wall and ceiling spaces</li> <li>• Applied to furred masonry, wood framing, or steel framing, with foil surface next to framing</li> <li>• Various thicknesses available</li> </ul>
<b>Cement board</b>	Aggregated cement core reinforced with polymer-coated, glass-fiber mesh embedded in both surfaces and wrapped around the edges	Used as a substrate for ceramic tile in areas with extreme and sustained moisture, such as kitchen countertops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water-durable</li> <li>• Non-combustible</li> <li>• Dimensionally stable</li> </ul>