QUESTION
The materials list displays my framing in lineal feet. Is there a way to create a cut 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.

To modify the structural member reporting
1. Select Edit> Default Settings from the menu.
2. Select Structural Member Reporting, then click the Edit button.
3. In the **Saved Structural Member Reporting Defaults** dialog, it is possible to save different defaults for different situations.

For this example, we will choose Default and click Edit.

4. In the **Structural Member Reporting Defaults** dialog that opens next, 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 in this plan.
- Select **Mixed Reporting** to calculate framing materials using a combination of lineal lengths and piece counts.

- Select **Total Lineal Length** to calculate the framing materials of the different structural components of the plan in linear feet.

- Select **Cut List** to calculate the framing materials of the different structural components of the plan by counting the individual pieces present in the model.

- Select **Buy List** to calculate the framing materials of the different structural components of the plan by counting individual pieces and matching them to items in the list of Boards to buy,
Note: More information on the options available in this dialog can be found by clicking on the Help button located at the bottom of the dialog.

Additionally, you can change the reporting method while in a Materials List using the Lumber Reporting Method Control drop-down toolbar.

Related Articles

- Adding Items to the Materials List (/support/article/KB-00098/adding-items-to-the-materials-list.html)
- Controlling the Information in a Materials List (/support/article/KB-00510/controlling-the-information-in-a-materials-list.html)
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