

Recycling Ordinance

Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste represents 22% of the total tonnage disposed. Much of this material can be reused or recycled, conserving natural resources and saving valuable landfill space.

On September 12, 2002, the Governor adopted Senate Bill 1374 which imposes a state-mandated local C&D program. As a result, the City adopted Ordinance No. 618 which went into effect on January 31, 2009. It requires at least 65% of the total C&D debris generated by a Covered Project to be recycled and/or reused.



Common C&D Materials

- ❖ Mixed C&D:
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- ❖ Inerts:
Asphalt, bricks, concrete, dirt and masonry
- ❖ Non-Inerts:
Cardboard, carpet, drywall, glass, green waste, metals, roofing, and wood

Projects That Qualify

- ❖ All construction and tenant improvement projects requiring a permit pursuant to the California Green Building Code (CALGreen)
- ❖ All demolition or grading projects of any valuation, and
- ❖ All City-sponsored construction, demolition and renovation projects

Failure to comply will result in a stop work order and a delay of final approval.

Exempt Projects

The following projects are exempt from the C&D Recycling requirement:

- ❖ Work not requiring a building or demolition permit.
- ❖ Detached single family residential structures and associated detached or attached accessory structures unless they represent significant reconstruction/remodel as determined by the Building Official.
- ❖ Work requiring only a plumbing, electrical or mechanical permit.
- ❖ Roofing projects not requiring removal of the existing roof.
- ❖ Demolition or construction required to protect public health or safety in an emergency, as defined in Public Resources Code §21060.3.

The Process

- ❑ **Step 1** – While applying for a building permit, obtain a C&D Debris Diversion Program Guide from the Permit Technician
- ❑ **Step 2** – Determine if your project qualifies for C&D recycling or an exemption status
- ❑ **Step 3** – Complete and submit the **C&D Waste Management Plan** to the Building & Safety Division for approval during the plan check process or the **C&D Exemption Request** to the Environmental Services Division
- ❑ **Step 4** – Make arrangements with an authorized commercial hauler or self-haul the materials to a certified recycling facility
- ❑ **Step 5** – At the completion of the project, complete and submit the **C&D Waste Management Report** to the Environmental Services Division including proof of the required diversion. **For long term projects, complete and submit the C&D Waste Management Report on a quarterly basis**
- ❑ **Step 6** – Receive final approval from the Environmental Coordinator

Approval Requirements

DIVERSION STANDARD

At least 65% of the total C&D debris generated by a Covered Project must be recycled of which no more than 25% can be achieved through the recycling or reuse of inert materials.

CITY AUTHORIZED HAULER

All projects must use hauling services from those licensed to operate within the City of Commerce.

A list of the “City of Commerce Approved Commercial Haulers” is available at www.ci.commerce.ca.us in the Environmental Services Division Construction & Demolition Recycling section, and can also be found in the C&D Diversion Program Guide.

SELF-HAULING

If you choose to self-haul material from your project, the city suggests using a certified recycling facility which guarantees a 65% diversion rate.

A list of “Construction and Demolition Debris Certified Recycling Facilities” is available at www.ci.commerce.ca.us in the Environmental Services Division Construction & Demolition Recycling section, and can also be found in the C&D Diversion Program Guide.

Contractor Resources

General Information and Material Exchange:

California Integrated Waste Management Board – Contractor Tool Kit and California Materials Exchange information

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/condemo

www.ladpw.org/epd/lacomax

Donating Reusable Materials:

Habitat for Humanity

www.habitat.org



The City will ONLY accept disposal receipts that show proof of diversion or are issued by a certified recycling facility. 65% of the materials from the total project MUST be diverted.

Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion Program



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