



CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (C&D) WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the [C&D Waste Diversion Program](#)?

A. Construction and Demolition (C&D) wastes represent about 20% of the City's municipal waste stream, little of which is currently recycled. The City has enacted an ordinance in which developers and contractors are required to divert away from landfilling at least 50% of wastes generated in a C&D project.

Q. What projects are subject to this ordinance?

A. Unless specifically exempted, all construction and demolition projects must completely fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Code. A Waste Management Plan shall not be required for the following:

1. If the franchise hauler is used exclusively for debris/recycling removal from the site on a covered project. The franchise hauler shall submit a tonnage report to the City to verify the disposal and/or recycling tonnage collected from the site prior to the project completion.
2. Roofing projects.
3. Work for which only plumbing, electrical, or mechanical permits are required.
4. Seismic tie-down projects.
5. The installation or replacement of shelves.
6. Installation of pre-fabricated patio enclosures and covers where no foundation or other structural building modifications are required.
7. Installation of swimming pools and spas, provided that the exemption shall only apply to the area to be excavated for the installation of the pool or spa and the area for the pad for the pool/spa equipment that does not exceed 3,000 square feet, and shall not apply to any related construction or alterations necessary for any other equipment or accessories, nor to any other portion of the project.
8. Installation of pre-fabricated accessories such as signs or antennas where no structural building modifications are required.

Only one of the above reasons need apply to your project in order for you to receive an exemption. Please note however, that an exemption from reporting requirements does not mean that you are exempt from the recycling requirement.

Q. Do I have to do this?

A. Yes. This is a citywide ordinance, and all developers and contractors must comply with the program. Certain projects are exempt from reporting requirements, but not from the

requirement to divert 50% of your project's wastes. If you do not comply, this could delay receipt of permit(s), or certificate of occupancy.

Q. Will it delay start-up of my project?

A. Generally, no because this matter is addressed at the time you normally apply for building or demolition permits. However, if you do not comply with the program or do not submit the required documentation and forms, there could be a delay in issuance of the certificate of occupancy or future permits.

Q. Can I receive help from the City to meet the terms of this program?

A: Yes, the City will provide assistance from its staff and consultants to aid in setting up job site recycling, finding markets, and answering any questions you might have. This help is provided at no charge.

Q. What are the program requirements?

A. You must complete two forms. One form is completed and submitted prior to the start of your project and is called the Waste Management and Recycling Plan (Form CD-1). The other form is completed and submitted at the conclusion of your project and is called the Recycling and Reuse Summary Report (CD-2).

Q. Can someone help me with the forms?

A. Yes, the City has staff available to you to help with completion of the forms. Further, the city's franchise hauler will be glad to assist you as well to complete your reporting requirements.

Q. How does one estimate waste?

A. The City can provide assistance to you to estimate your waste based on generation factors common to the industry. However, if you have done C&D projects before, it may be fair to examine how much waste was disposed from past projects and compare that to project square footage.

Q. Who else is doing this type of program?

A. As C&D waste is a growing statewide problem, many communities are developing and implementing programs. The neighboring communities of Riverside, San Bernardino, Temecula, Corona, and others are currently implementing or have had C&D waste diversion programs for some time.

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