



Construction & Demolition Waste Recycling Program Information Sheet

The City of San Juan Capistrano has established a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling Program per Municipal Code, Title 6, Chapter 3 to help in diverting C&D waste from landfills and also to comply with mandates of the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle). The City's diversion requirement is 65%, which means that certain projects are required to divert 65% of the total C&D waste tonnage at a project site from landfills.

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What projects are required to divert C&D debris?

Sec. 6-3.08.01 Minimum Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion Requirements

Every demolition, remodeling and construction project subject to this chapter shall recycle, reuse or divert from the landfills or disposal sites the following minimum amounts of designated recyclable and reusable materials in the following percentages based upon the waste tonnage of construction or demolition debris involved in the construction, remodeling or demolition project:

- (a) Newly constructed buildings and demolition projects shall divert from landfills at least sixty-five (65) percent of the construction materials generated during the project.
- (b) All permitted additions and alterations to non-residential buildings or structures shall divert from landfills at least sixty-five (65) percent of nonhazardous construction and demolition materials.
- (c) Additions and alterations to residential buildings that increase the structure's conditioned area, volume, or size are also required to meet sixty-five (65) percent minimum diversion.
- (d) Reroofing of homes with shingles, shakes, or tiles as a separate project shall divert sixty-five (65) percent of waste tonnage of construction or demolition debris.
- (e) Construction and remodeling. Sixty-five (65) percent of waste tonnage of construction or demolition debris.
- (f) Universal waste (such as batteries, e-waste, lamps, cathode ray tubes/glass, aerosol cans) from non-residential addition and alteration projects shall require verification that the materials are disposed of properly and diverted from landfills. A list of prohibited universal waste materials shall be included in the construction documents. This is required for additions one thousand (1,000) square feet or above and/or alterations with a valuation of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) or more (per CALGreen Section 301.1).
- (g) Land clearing. One hundred (100) percent of excavated soil and land clearing debris generated from every applicable non-residential construction, remodeling, or demolition project shall be diverted from going to landfills by using recycling, reuse, and diversion programs. However, excavated soil and land clearing debris shall not be reused if it is contaminated by disease or pest infestation. This diversion requirement shall extend to every applicable residential construction, remodeling, or demolition project if required by the California Green Building Standards Code.

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What projects are EXEMPT from the requirement to divert C&D debris?

Sec. 6-3.08.03: Exemptions

- (a) The following projects are exempt from the requirements of Section 6-3-08.02.
- (1) Work for which only a plumbing, electrical, or mechanical permit is required.
 - (2) Seismic tie-down projects.
 - (3) Installation of prefabricated patio enclosures and covers when no foundation or other structural building modifications are required.
 - (4) Installation of prefabricated accessories such as signs or antennas where no structural building modifications are required.
 - (5) Projects, which involve a roof, but the tear-off of the existing roof, is not required.
 - (6) The construction of new fencing.
 - (7) Construction or demolition work that the Solid Waste Coordinator determines will not produce construction or demolition waste.
- (b) If an applicant for a project wants to obtain an exemption for that project, then the applicant shall file with the City an application for exemption. The applicant shall comply with the following:
- (1) The application shall be filed with the Solid Waste Coordinator.
 - (2) The application will state the facts and reasons supporting the exemption.
- (c) The Solid Waste Coordinator shall review each application for exemptions and determine whether an exemption is allowed by this section and communicate that decision to the applicant.

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How much is the Security Deposit?

The deposit is in the amount of 1% of the valuation of the project with a minimum of \$250.

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What steps are involved in the Recycling Program?

Follow the steps below if your project is required to divert C&D debris:

Step 1 – Complete and submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (WRRCP), Security Deposit, and an Administration Fee with your building or demolition permit application. The WRRCP indicates the estimated quantities of C&D debris generated at your project site, the estimated quantities of materials reused, recycled, and/or disposed of, and the reuse, recycling, and disposal facilities and service providers you plan to use.

Step 2 – During construction/demolition, gather data for your Recycling Summary Report. You are required to keep all weight tags, gate receipts, and/or invoices necessary to document actual quantities of materials generated, reused, recycled, and/or disposed of throughout your project, as well as facilities or service providers used.

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Step 3 – Complete and submit a Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling and Disposal Report Summary (Report Summary). Unlike the WRRCP, which is an estimate, the Report Summary documents your actual C&D Waste tonnages. You will need to attach all documentation gathered in Step 2 to the Report Summary. The Report Summary must be completed within sixty (60) days after the final inspection and completion of your project.

Step 4 – Complete and submit a security deposit refund form along with your report summary. The City will refund your Security Deposit if you have diverted the minimum diversion requirement of 65%, or illustrated a “good faith effort” to divert C&D Waste.

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Who can I contact for more information?

- The City of San Juan Capistrano franchised waste hauler, CR&R, will provide assistance to applicants in developing and implementing a WRRCP. CR&R’s phone number is (877) 728-0446.
- Should you have any questions regarding this form, or the C&D Waste Reduction and Recycling Program, please call the City of San Juan Capistrano at (949) 443-6347.
- You may also reference Municipal Code, Title 6, Chapter 3 for complete information on the Municipal Solid waste Collection Law of the City of San Juan Capistrano.