Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the C&D Waste Management plan application?
The C&D Management Plan Application is a required form that helps you plan the recycling activities of the project. It includes a list of authorized haulers, recycling facilities, donation facilities and a table to calculate weights.

Do we still need to fill out the C&D Waste Management plan application even if we did not do any demolition?
Complete the C&D Waste Management Application even if your project does not include demolition. The application will allow you to plan the recycling of the building phase of the project and allow the C&D specialists to help you with the next steps to continue with other requirements.

How do I get my deposit back?
The Performance Security Deposit is refunded once a C&D Waste Management Compliance Report confirming that at least 75% of the debris generated was recycled or reused is received and approved by staff.

Where can I find a C&D Waste Management Plan application?
A C&D Waste Management application is available on the City web at www.cityofpasadena.net, section Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling.

What are the haulers’ requirements?
The City of Pasadena requires haulers to have a franchise hauling agreement with the City. The Waste Management plan includes a list of authorized haulers.

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Construction & Demolition Recycling Checklist

- Pay a performance security deposit and administrative review fee when permit is issued
- Complete a C&D Waste Management Plan that includes your choice of authorized hauler and certified recycling facility prior to the start of work
- Retain copies of hauling and disposal tickets
- Submit a C&D Waste Management Compliance Report

Universal Waste Recycling is Required

Universal waste must be properly managed for all commercial construction projects and tenant improvements over 1,000 square feet per CALGreen Section 301.3. Universal waste includes items such as mercury thermostats, batteries, CFL bulbs, fluorescent tubes and ballasts.

Proper disposal of universal waste must be documented and submitted to the City upon request. Please retain all recycling receipts.
Why is there a recycling ordinance?

Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste represents a significant part of the solid waste stream. The majority of C&D material can be reused or recycled, conserving natural resources and saving valuable landfill space.

To recover recyclable C&D material, the City adopted the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Ordinance (Chapter 8.62 of PMC). The ordinance requires that certain demolition and/or construction projects divert at least 75% of waste either through recycling, salvage or deconstruction.

When a permit is requested for a project that will generate C&D material, the project will be required to submit a C&D Waste Management Plan and Compliance Report confirming that the 75% diversion requirement was met.

What is classified as C&D material?

C&D debris is classified as any material that is generated from a construction and/or demolition project. This includes, but is not limited to: concrete, wood, metal, etc.

What is required if my project needs C&D approval?

- Pay a performance security deposit and administrative review fee when permit is issued
- Complete a C&D Waste Management Plan that includes your choice of authorized hauler and certified recycling facility prior to the start of work
- Retain copies of hauling and disposal tickets
- Submit a C&D Waste Management Compliance Report

Important: The performance security deposit is refundable upon providing a C&D Compliance Report and disposal tickets that show the project obtained 75% diversion or higher.

What are the C&D Waste Management Plan and Compliance Report?

C&D Waste Management Plan
The C&D Waste Management Plan provides a summary of the project scope and estimated C&D tonnage that is expected to be generated. Companies that will be hauling the material and facilities that will receive the debris for recycling also need to be specified.

C&D Waste Management Compliance Report
The C&D Waste Management Compliance Report provides actual C&D tonnage that the project generated including hauling companies that transported the material and disposal facilities that recycled the material. Copies of the disposal tickets are required along with the report to ensure 75% diversion was met.

What types of projects require C&D recycling?

- Tenant improvements of 1,000 sq. ft. or more
- New structures of 120 sq. ft. or more
- Demolition All
- Residential additions All
- Residential Remodels All
- All City Public Works and construction projects which are awarded by competitive bid procedures established by Ch. 4.08 of the PMC

Where do I recycle the C&D debris from my project?

The City of Pasadena Municipal Code requires that at least 75% of waste generated from both construction and demolition projects be diverted from the landfill.

To see an updated list of mixed C&D debris recycling facilities with a 75% diversion rate, refer to the following:

- On the C&D Waste Management Plan provided to the applicant at the Building Permit Center, refer to the Destination Facilities page
- Call us at (626) 744-7175