Construction and demolition debris comprises a significant portion of the waste stream that can be diverted from the landfill, thereby conserving resources, protecting our environment and extending landfill life. Both the State and City have laws in place to keep nonhazardous construction or demolition debris out of the landfills.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

If your building project is subject to the waste diversion requirements of the California Green Building Code, you must recycle and/or salvage for reuse a minimum of 65% of nonhazardous construction and demolition waste.

If you have a demolition-only project of 5,000 square feet or more, it requires diversion of 50% of nonhazardous waste under the City’s Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance. This threshold includes all phases of a project and all related projects taking place on a single or adjoining parcel.

In order to document that minimum diversion requirements have been met, you must create a Waste Management Plan by following the steps below.

HOW TO TRACK YOUR WASTE

Step 1: Before You Begin

- Determine how you will manage debris, excess building materials and salvage materials. Before contracting with any debris or recycling roll-off box hauler, please review the sidebar about the City’s Exclusive Hauler and exceptions.

Step 2: Submit a Waste Management Plan

- Submit a WMP prior to your building permit approval, or before beginning demolition (even if no permit required). There is no fee for this plan. The WMP must be submitted using the City’s online construction and demolition waste tracking system: MountainView.WasteTracking.com.

- Visit MountainView.gov/CD for more resources, including our How-to Guide for creating a WMP and WMP Frequently Asked Questions.

CITY’S EXCLUSIVE HAULER

Recology is the City’s exclusive waste hauler. Per City Code, no other roll-off box service/hauler may be used unless:

A. The materials are self-hauled by a State-licensed contractor, working at the site, who owns and hauls their own box or truck and the hauling is an incidental part of total services (e.g. roofers, landscapers); or

B. The materials in the box are sold or donated to a recycling hauler or processor, who does not require payment of any kind for the collection, transportation, transfer or processing; materials are kept source-separated on site (e.g. box of metal, box of drywall) and the hauler has both a City non-exclusive hauling agreement and a business license.
Step 3: During Your Project

- Educate all contractors, subcontractors and employees about managing debris on the project site.
- Upload all weight tags and tickets into the online Construction and Demolition Waste Tracking System for debris sent to salvage, recycling and disposal facilities.
- Weight tags from all Recology debris and recycling roll-off boxes will be uploaded for you by City staff.

Step 4: At Project Completion

- Prior to requesting a final inspection, submit the final Waste Management Plan (with all weight tags and/or tickets) using the City’s online Construction and Demolition Debris Waste Tracking System. This plan will show how the diversion requirements were met.

What Happens If I Don’t Submit the Final Waste Management Plan?

The Solid Waste Division will not sign off on the final building inspection without a final approved WMP. In addition, failure to submit a WMP or to meet diversion requirements may result in civil, criminal or administrative penalties.

Where Can I Get Assistance?

If you need assistance, please contact the appropriate division below.

Building Division (Green Building Code, Building Permits, Building Inspections)
650-903-6313 • MountainView.gov/Building

Land Development (Street Encroachment Permits for Recology Roll-off Boxes)
650-903-6311 • MountainView.gov/LandDevelopment

Planning Division (Enclosure Materials)
650-903-6306 • MountainView.gov/Planning

Recycling & Zero Waste
(Enclosure Guidelines, Waste Tracking System, Exclusive Hauler Requirements)
650-903-6311 • MountainView.gov/CD

Recology (Roll-off boxes, Scheduling Collections)
650-967-3034 • Recology.com/Recology-Mountain-View