

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. What is the Construction and Demolition Recycling Ordinance?

Effective April 21, 2007, debris from construction and demolition projects must be diverted away from landfill disposal in the unincorporated County of San Diego. The ordinance requires that 90% of inerts and 70% of all other materials must be recycled from your project. In order to comply with the Ordinance, applicants must submit a Construction and Demolition Debris Management Plan and a fully refundable Performance Guarantee prior to building permit issuance. (*Sections 68.508 through 68.518 of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances*)

2. What is required under the ordinance?

Each qualifying project is required to:

- Complete a Debris Management Plan
- Submit a Performance Guarantee
- Keep a daily log of material taken off project site
- Submit quarterly recycling reports and **all** debris receipts
- Calculate the project's final recycling rate to request a refund of the Performance Guarantee

3. Does the construction and demolition debris recycling ordinance apply to my project?

This Ordinance applies to construction, demolition, or renovation projects, 40,000* square feet or greater in the unincorporated county of San Diego. If you are building a phased residential or commercial development, the 40,000 square feet applies to the total proposed build-out of the project. *In measuring the square footage of a project each floor of the building shall be counted, not just the building's footprint.*

4. What is a Debris Management Plan?

The Debris Management Plan identifies the types and quantities of materials that will be generated by your project and will help you choose the appropriate recycling facilities and services. The plan must be completed by the contractor identified on your building permit and be submitted to the DPW building counter prior to building permit issuance.

5. What is the Performance Guarantee?

The Performance Guarantee is a fully refundable guarantee based on the square footage of the total project. The amount of deposit is based on square footage and is determined by the following schedule:

Building Segment	Deposit per square foot	Maximum Sq. ft. subject to deposit
Residential new construction	\$.20	125,000 detached 100,000 attached
Non-residential new construction	\$.20	40,000 commercial 75,000 industrial

6. When can I get a refund?

The permittee will receive a full refund, plus interest, within 30 days of refund request if the following criteria are met:

- Submittal of the Final Debris Management Plan,
- Submittal of **all** recycling and waste receipts and quarterly reports, and
- Proof that 90% of inerts and 70% other materials were recycled or reused.

7. What if I do not meet all the refund criteria?

If the project does not meet the 90/70 recycling requirement, the permittee will receive a refund on a pro-rated basis with accrued interest depending on the degree of compliance within 30-days of the final submittal.

8. What if I can't recycle?

If it is infeasible for the project to meet the requirements to recycle 90% of inerts and 70% of all other materials, the applicant may apply for an exemption.

If an exemption is granted, the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Section of the Department of Public Works shall determine what percentage of construction and demolition debris the applicant is required to recycle.

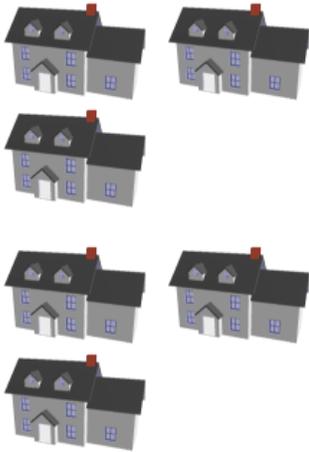
9. What is inert material? What is other material?

Recycle 90% of inert material	Recycle 70% of other material
Asphalt & Concrete Brick/Masonry/Tile Dirt Mixed Inerts (mixed items must be taken to an approved mixed processing facility)	Appliances Cabinets, Doors, Fixtures, Windows Cardboard Carpet Padding/Foam (carpet) Ceiling tile (acoustic) Drywall (used) Drywall (new, unpainted, or scrap) Landscaping (brush, trees, stumps, etc.) Roofing Materials Scrap Metal Stucco, Cement (no wire) Unpainted Wood & Pallets

10. On phased projects, will I have to submit more than one Debris Management Plan and additional Performance Guarantee?

A new Debris Management Plan and Performance Guarantee should be submitted for each phase of a residential tract or multi-building commercial project.

Example: Master Tract Permit “1012” with build out of 55,000 square feet

Model Phase – “1013” Plan Check	Phase 2 - Permit type “1015”
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Model #1 Model #2 Model #3</p> </div> <p>Total square feet: (3 X 5,000 ft²) = 15,000 ft² Performance Guarantee = \$3,000</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Total square feet: (6 X 5,000 ft²) = 30,000 ft² Performance Guarantee = \$6,000</p>
Phase 1 - Permit type “1015”	
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>5,000 ft² 5,000 ft²</p> </div> <p>Total square feet: (2 X 5,000 ft²) = 10,000 ft² Performance Guarantee = \$2,000</p>	

11. Where can I obtain information about debris recyclers and haulers?

Resources such as the *Construction and Demolition Recycling Guide* are available at the Department of Public Works Building Counter or online at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/reusable_components/images/dpw/recyclingpdfs/CDGuideEnglish.pdf

12. Who can I contact for more information?

Contact (858) 694-2458 for more information.