



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (C&D) DEBRIS RECYCLING

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Exempt Project Types:

Certain types of projects will be exempt from the diversion requirements of ordinance sections 68.511 through 68.520 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances relating to diversion of C&D material from landfill disposal such as but not limited to:

Building:

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 120 ft² (11m²).
2. Oil derricks.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (129 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a structure or impounding Class I, II or IIA liquids.
4. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Temporary motion picture, television and theatre stage sets and scenery.
8. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
9. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
10. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one-and two family dwellings.
11. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
12. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1,753 mm) in height.

Electrical:

1. Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
2. Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of the code shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions, but do apply to equipment and wiring for a power supply and the installations of towers and antennas.
3. Temporary testing systems: A permit shall not be required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Gas:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.



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Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation equipment.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any regulated heating or cooling equipment.
5. Replacement of any part that does not alter its approval or make it unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (0.75 kW) or less.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made per regulations.
2. The cleaning of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

Other:

1. Emergency demolition projects, if the projects are required to protect public health or safety.
2. Residential projects that qualify for diversion infeasibility exemptions.
3. Residential and non-residential excavated soil and land clearing projects that do not require a Major Grading permit.

For additional information on exempt projects, please reference the Green Building Standards Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 11 and the 2016 California Building Code, Part 2, Volume 1, Section 105.2, as they may be amended periodically.