

CONTRACTORS RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACT SHEET

Republic Services offers this helpful fact sheet as part of its commitment to divert waste from the landfill and help contractors achieve their Green Building goals.



Construction Waste Management for Green Building

The intent of material diversion for Green Building is to divert construction, demolition and land clearing waste from landfills; redirect recyclable-recovered resources back to the manufacturing process; and, redirect reusable materials to appropriate sites.

What is required in California?

Under State of California AB 939, cities are required to divert 50% of all solid waste through source reduction, recycling and composting activities.

What is required under Green Building measures?

The standard waste diversion for Green Building projects is at least 50%. Green Building projects can meet upwards to 75% and greater for materials diversion depending upon the level of certification or rating builder wishes to achieve.

What services are provided?

Republic specializes in disposal and recycling services to maximize the recover of recyclables from your construction project. They will work with you to ensure that your project meets the requirements and has the proper documentation for your Green Building project. Republic maintains a large inventory of refuse and storage containers. Prompt delivery and pickup are available on a schedule, or on an "as needed" basis.

What materials can be recycled and/or salvaged?

Typical salvaged commodities include: clean wood, concrete, asphalt, dirt, brick, metal, carpet, cardboard, mixed C&D material and other miscellaneous refuse.

Do materials have to be separated?

Materials can be commingled or source separated. Commingled allows various types of materials to be mixed into one container. The container is then taken by the hauler to an off-site facility to be sorted. Many materials can be recycled, and requires fewer containers to be onsite. Source separated is when materials are separated into containers by debris type. This method yields better diversion, but may require more onsite labor and containers. Customized recycling and hauling programs can be developed to meet your specific needs.

What documentation is required?

Projects attempting to achieve the Green Building certification or rating are required to have documentation for the actual tonnage from the project that was diverted from the landfill. In partnership with its municipalities, Republic has established procedures for generating all required Green Building material diversion documentation. Builders that work directly with Republic-served cities are guaranteed at a minimum to achieve a 75% material diversion rate. Republic owns and operates the Materials Recovery Facility where construction materials are separated and processed. Republic will provide the required documentation.

How to contact Republic Services

Please call the Customer Services team at 800-700-8610 to obtain more information about Green Building construction waste management.