

Before applying for your permit...

New Requirement

A requirement that applies to every city and county in California is the 2019 Green Building Standards Code (CAL Green). Effective January 1, 2021, newly constructed buildings are required to develop a waste management plan and divert at least 65% of the construction materials from landfill by recycling or reusing them. (CAL Green Sections 4.408 & 5.408)

Complimenting the state requirement, the City of La Quinta requires most construction, demolition, remodel, and tenant improvement projects to divert a minimum of 65% of job site waste from landfilling. Diversion means recycling or reusing unwanted materials rather than disposing of them as trash.

Prior to applying for a permit, the contractor or property owner must submit a Construction & Demolition Debris Management Plan to the City. This is accomplished through these simple steps:

1. **Call the City's District Environmental Coordinator at (760) 674-1039.** You will receive free assistance in preparing your C&D Debris Management Plan and will be provided guidance toward compliance. Most plans can be prepared within one working day of your initial call.
2. The District Environmental Coordinator will stay in contact with you throughout your project and will provide regular progress reports as the job moves forward.
3. In most cases, recycling is simple and can save you money over the course of your project. As you can see from the example to the right, being green may save you some green!
4. At the end of the job, both the property owner and contractor will be provided a final progress report showing the overall recycling success rate of the project.

Please note:

Burrtec Waste & Recycling is the exclusive franchised hauler for the City of La Quinta. It is illegal for clean-up companies and other haulers to haul waste from your project. Self-hauling is permitted under certain conditions. The District Environmental Coordinator will explain your options.

Recycling, salvaging, or reusing construction material can save you money by reducing your disposal costs. In most cases, the tipping fees are higher at landfills and transfer stations than at recycling facilities. Below is an example of the potential savings:

Suppose your project generates 20 tons of waste		
Material	Disposal cost at landfill	Recycling cost
Wood	\$312	\$210
Concrete	\$103	\$30
Drywall	\$260	\$120
Plaster	\$363	\$112
Total cost:	\$1,038	\$472

RECYCLING SAVINGS:  **\$566**

The rates shown above are representative of current costs. However, they do fluctuate slightly due to market conditions and other factors. Check with Burrtec's District Environmental Coordinator prior to starting your job for the approximate current rates.

Recycling is good for the planet and your bottom line.

District Environmental Coordinator
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