



C&D Waste Diversion and Reuse

Meeting Your Executive Order 13514 Goals Best Practices, Tools, and Resources

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Federal Requirements

- Executive Order 13514
 - § 2(e)(iii): Promote pollution prevention and eliminate waste by diverting at least 50 percent of construction and demolition (C&D) materials and debris by the end of FY 2015
- Guiding Principles
 - During a project's planning stage, identify local recycling and salvage operations that could process site-related C&D materials
 - During construction, recycle or salvage at least 50 percent of the non-hazardous construction, demolition, and land clearing materials, excluding soil, where markets or onsite recycling opportunities exist
 - Provide salvage, reuse, and recycling services for waste generated from major renovations, where markets or onsite recycling opportunities exist



C&D Waste Diversion and Recycling

Salvaging, reusing, and recycling C&D material is required for all federal renovation, demolition, and construction projects. To get it done:

- Get your documents right: Architecture and Engineering (A&E) Statement of Work, Construction Specifications, Solicitation for Offers language
- Clearly delineate responsible parties for C&D data collection and reporting: A&E, LEED Consultant, Owner, Contractor
- Develop a construction waste management plan
- Instruct onsite contractors and subcontractors
- Establish and clearly identify onsite C&D material collection and storage locations
- Require a C&D waste report documenting collection methods, material types, recovered weight, and recipient(s) of the material



Construction Waste Management Plan

A Construction Waste Management Plan generally covers:

- Materials collected (types, weight/volume)
- Collection methods and material management (e.g., onsite sorting or commingling; onsite processing [compacting, crushing, baling])
- Material disposition (receivers of materials)
- Designation of responsible parties for C&D data collection and reporting process
- Reporting frequency (e.g., monthly)
- Education of and signage for contractors and subcontractors
- Compliance monitoring



Data Collection and Recordkeeping

Maintain verifiable records to support Executive Order compliance reporting and LEED submissions:

- Designate a C&D Waste Data Coordinator
- Identify collection and salvaging methods
- Record:
 - Materials recovered, by waste stream
 - Material disposition (receivers of materials)
 - Quantities of each waste stream diverted/recycled
 - Quantities of non-diverted/non-recycled materials
- Keep data reporting current (e.g., monthly)
- Maintain verification of performance (e.g., bills of lading, tipping receipts)
- **Consider C&D waste tracking software**



Salvage/Deconstruction Considerations

- Deconstruct to salvage items of value such as:
 - Historic components
 - Architectural details
 - Old growth hardwood windows and doors
 - Working HVAC equipment
- Net out value of salvage from demolition/deconstruction contract



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- Follow the legal requirements for the disposition of federal assets
 - Under the Federal Property & Administrative Services Act, property can be:
 - Transferred from one agency to another
 - Excessed via discount conveyance to state and local governments for public benefits
 - Sold via negotiated sale to state and local governments
 - Sold to the public via competitive sales
 - Donated to a charitable organization (e.g., Habitat Restore)



Universal and Hazardous C&D Wastes

- Demolition might require special handling of universal and hazardous wastes (RCRA 40 CFR 260-280 and TSCA 40 CFR 761)
 - Asbestos
 - Lead-based paint
 - Mercury-containing ballasts, thermometers, and switches
 - PCB-containing components (e.g., switches, capacitors, transformers, fluorescent lamp ballasts)
 - Used solvents
 - Fluorescent lamps (whole or broken)
 - Underground storage tanks



C&D Waste Diversion Tools

- **Construction Waste Management Plan** – GSA Boston, McCormack Post Office and Courthouse
- **EPA A&E Guidelines** – EPA policy and standards for architects/engineers for the design and construction of EPA facilities
- **GSA Solicitation for Offers** – C&D excerpts
- **EPA Best Practice Lease Provisions** – C&D excerpts to be used in GSA space acquisitions for EPA
- **EPA Renovations and Alterations Guidelines** – Sustainable renovations and alterations standards for use after initial construction/build-out in the ongoing operations and maintenance contracts of facilities



Other Resources

EPA Construction and Demolition Materials Website

(<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/conserves/rrr/imr/cdm/index.htm>)

GSA Property Disposal Resource Center

(<https://extportal.pbs.gsa.gov/ResourceCenter/content/home.do>)

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C&D Waste Tracking Software - WasteCap Resource Solutions – WasteCapTRACE (<http://www.wastecaptrace.org>)

