

# 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.



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## 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.

### How to find a hauler

To achieve your project's Green Building goals and develop a waste management plan for your job site contact us.

### What services are provided

Republic specializes in disposal and recycling services to maximize the recovery of recyclables from your construction project. They will work with you from the beginning of the job 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 scheduled, 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

Material 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 it requires fewer containers to be on site. Source separated is when materials are separated into containers by debris type. This method yields better diversion but may require more on-site 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 Services cities are guaranteed at a minimum to achieve a 75% material diversion rate. Republic owns and operates the Material Recovery Facility where construction materials are separated and processed. Republic will provide the required documentation.

### How to reach Republic Services

You may reach Republic Services at the following number 714-238-3300. Ask to speak to a Green Building Specialist to request a waste stream analysis to start achieving your project's Green Building goals.