

Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling for Small Scale Projects and Remodeling

Construction waste from home remodeling or even the parts left over after changing a plumbing fixture can be recycled for less than the cost of trash. There are many places homeowners or small businesses can bring C&D waste in a pickup truck or car. Metal or mostly metal items can be recycled at no cost, and can be put in your home recycling bin as long as it fits in the container with the lid closed. A more detailed guide for construction companies can be downloaded from www.SBrecycles.org, or you can call 564-5677 for more information.



WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Drywall, stucco, concrete, masonry, cardboard, asphalt, greenwaste, wood, carpet, metal, fixtures, dirt, tiles, rock, roofing, bricks, plaster, sinks, toilets, and other ceramics. They can be separated or mixed together.

RECYCLING METHODS AND COSTS

There are three basic methods for construction and demolition (C&D) waste recycling: salvage, source separated recycling, and mixed waste recycling. Salvage is great for the fixtures, but source separated recycling and mixed recycling are more appropriate for most demolition waste. They are described below from lowest cost to highest cost.

Salvage

Usable materials and fixtures are removed and given or sold to someone who will incorporate them into new construction. Vintage or high-end doors, windows, plumbing fixtures, porcelain, lighting fixtures, or other elements can be sold to businesses that specialize in used building materials. All usable construction scraps can be given or sold to others via materials exchanges and classified advertising. Salvage is the least expensive way to dispose of reusable items, can sometimes be profitable when the materials have resale value, and has the greatest environmental benefit.

High End Salvage Businesses

Call for details about which items they accept (or buy) and pickup information. You can also buy used building materials from these businesses.

- **Architectural Salvage**, 965-2446, 726 Anacapa St.
Vintage items with architectural styling only. Wrought iron gates and grates, doors, windows, plumbing and light fixtures, pedestal sinks, and more. Willing to evaluate items before demo.
- **Demo 2 Design**, 886-6865, Two retail sites: Cominichi's (Mom's) 421 E. Cota St., and Antique Center Mall, 4434 Hollister Ave.
Solid core doors, windows, clean toilets & sinks (no tubs at present), lighting fixtures, and flooring.
- **Door and Window Restoration**, 452-4433, corner of Quinientos St. & Nopal St.
Older and unique doors and windows, lumber, hardware, and fixtures. Willing to take items on consignment.
- **Habitat for Humanity**: 692-2226, parking lot sales, still looking for a permanent location.
Lumber, cabinetry, plumbing fixtures, windows, doors and other architectural salvage. No carpet, furniture or appliances. Donated items must be in salable condition, no damage or deterioration. Windows must be dual glazed, doors must be solid core.
- **TAIPAN**, 845-5625, 214 Helena Ave
Vintage and contemporary architectural details, appliances, furniture, doors, windows, glass, hardware, cabinets, countertops, fireplaces, railings, gates, plumbing and electrical fixtures, stainless, stone, tile, flooring, lumber, molding, decorative iron, skylights, garden, fountains, project leftovers, and more. Will pick up discarded materials at your home/ jobsite. Licensed and insured dismantling services. Consignments for exceptional items.

Internet Classifieds

This is free, easy, and fast. You may get a buyer or taker in the same day.

- **Craigslist**. Santa Barbara internet classifieds at <http://santabarbara.craigslist.org/>.

Printed Classified Advertising

Get the following papers, or shop ads online.

- **Santa Barbara Independent**
Shop ads at www.independent.com. Place ads by calling 965-5208. Free *Treasure Hunt* ads for a single item priced at \$80 or less. Email ads to treasurehunt@independent.com.
- **Santa Barbara News Press**
Shop ads at www.newspress.com. *Building Materials Exchange* ads are on Wednesdays, and the *Classified Attic* for merchandise priced at \$75 or less is on Tuesdays. *Classified Attic* ads are not available on line. Place ads at class.newspress.com, or call 963-4391.

Source Separated Recycling

You sort the waste into different containers, piles, or trucks depending on material type. For example, there might be a pile for wood and green waste only, another one for concrete and asphalt only, and one for metal only. The already-sorted materials are brought to a recycling facility that has lower rates for sorted materials. See Table 1 for a cost comparison, but call for pricing. If you have a small amount (less than 2,000 lbs) the Transfer Station has lower minimum rates than MarBorg.

Mixed Waste Recycling

All waste is placed in one container or truck. The waste is brought to a mixed waste processing facility and is sorted into categories such as wood, concrete, dirt, metal, and trash by facility workers. Mixed waste recycling does not entail any extra labor at the construction site, and the you simply bring it to a recycling facility rather than the dump. Mixed waste recycling is more expensive than source separated, but still costs less than disposal as trash. See Table 1 for a cost comparison, but call for pricing. If you have a small amount (less than 2,000 lbs) the Transfer Station has lower minimum rates than MarBorg.

LOCAL C&D RECYCLING FACILITIES

All customers from private cars to commercial dump trucks can bring waste to these facilities.

Granite Construction 5335 Debbie Lane, Goleta, (805) 693-1086

Granite accepts a mix of concrete, asphalt, masonry, rock, and ceramics only.

Lash Construction 5 S. Calle Cesar Chavez, Santa Barbara, (805) 963-3553

Lash accepts a mix of concrete, plaster, stucco, bricks, asphalt, rock, masonry, and ceramics only.

MarBorg Industries, 119 Quarantina St Santa Barbara, (805) 963-1852.

MarBorg operates a full scale mixed waste sorting and recycling facility in Santa Barbara that can accept mixed C&D waste and source separated materials.

South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station 4430 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, (805) 681-4345

SCRTS has an area for C&D waste that is separate from the trash, which is also collected there. The C&D waste must be at least 75% mixed wood, green waste, tile, cardboard, brick, concrete, asphalt, masonry, or ceramics as determined by their checker or the load will be charged as trash and not recycled. No bags of household trash can be included with a C&D load.

Santa Barbara Iron & Metal Recycling

SB Iron & Metal will buy or accept all metal types except tin. Large appliances from commercial kitchens will be accepted for recycling, but not household appliances.

HIRING A HAULER

Small to Medium Loads

1-800-GOT-JUNK (800-468-5865) offers hauling and recycling for all wastes.

Many small haulers with pickup trucks will haul C&D waste. Check out the "Services" classified advertising section of local papers, or try the online classifieds at www.santabarbara.craigslist.org. Specify that the material must be taken to a recycling facility and not the dump.

Larger Loads (Rolloff or Debris Boxes)

Big Red Box	689-9204
Progressive Waste Management	564-2654
Allied Waste/BFI	965-5248
MarBorg Industries	963-1852



Table 1: Santa Barbara South Coast C&D Waste Recycling Facilities

	C&D RECLYCLERS				
	MarBorg Industries 963-1852	Granite Construction 964-9951	Lash Construction 963-3553	SB Iron & Metal 966-4468	Transfer Station 681-4345
Mixed Wastes					
C & D Waste	\$\$\$\$				\$\$\$\$
Rubble	\$\$		\$		\$\$\$\$
Asphalt or concrete with rebar		\$			\$\$\$\$
Asphalt or concrete, no rebar	\$	\$	\$		\$\$\$\$
Pure Materials					
Dirt Only	\$				\$
Wood Only	\$\$\$				\$\$
Green Waste Only	\$\$\$				\$\$
Cardboard Only	Free				Free
Metal Only	Free			Payment	\$\$
Appliances without Freon	Free			Payment	Free
Appliances with Freon	\$				\$
Carpet	\$\$\$				\$\$\$\$\$
Sinks, Tubs, Toilets	Free				\$\$\$\$\$

C & D Waste: Mix of recyclable and non-recyclable items including drywall, stucco, concrete, masonry, cardboard, asphalt, green waste, wood, carpet, and trash. No household trash.

Rubble: Concrete, plaster, stucco, bricks, asphalt, rock, masonry, and ceramics only. No wood.