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CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT AUGUST 16

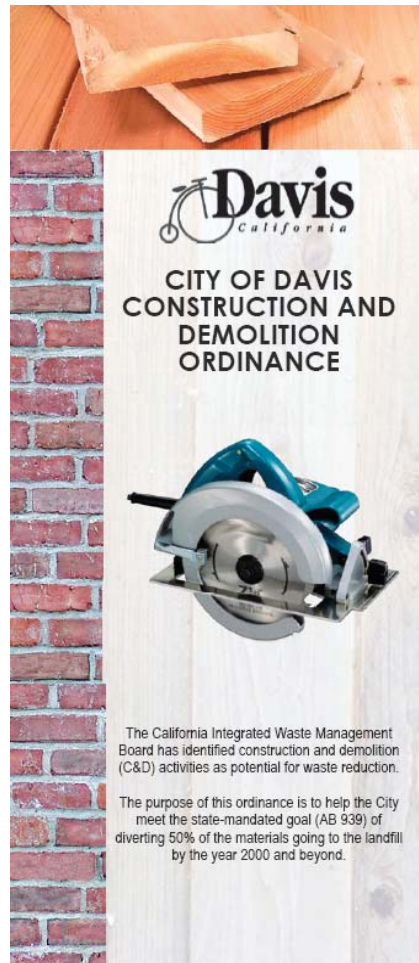
Starting August 16, the City of Davis Construction and Demolition (C&D) Diversion ordinance goes into effect, requiring all applicable projects to divert 50% of their waste from the landfill.

The Construction and Demolition (C&D) ordinance requires all applicable construction, renovation and demolition projects to divert at least 50% of C&D waste from the landfill through recycling, reuse and or waste reduction. C&D waste material includes metal, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt, pipe, gypsum, wallboard, lumber, rocks, soil, trees etc.

All construction, renovation, and demolition projects requiring a building permit fall under the C&D ordinance with the following exceptions:

1. Residential additions of less than 1,000 square feet of gross floor area;
2. Tenant improvements involving less than 3,000 square feet of gross floor area;
3. New structures of less than 1,000 square feet of gross floor area;
4. Demolition of less than 1,000 square feet of gross floor area, and
5. Any project at the discretion of the Chief Building Official or designee.

If a project falls under the C&D ordinance, a Recycling Plan must be filled out and returned to the Building Department showing how you will divert 50% of the waste generated from your project before a building permit will be issued. Recycling Plan forms can be obtained from the Building Department when applying for a building or demolition permit.



More information about the new Construction and Demolition Diversion Ordinance is available at www.davisrecycling.org.

For all projects where the waste hauler is Davis Waste Removal (DWR), 50% compliance is automatically assumed and only the Recycling Plan must be submitted—no additional forms will be required. Davis Waste Removal (DWR) will haul all C&D waste to the C&D sort facility at the Yolo County Central Landfill and will provide all appropriate information directly to the City. .

If a builder chooses not to use DWR to haul C&D waste, the Public Works Department will review the Waste Reduction and Recycling Report to determine whether the applicant has complied with the diversion requirement.

On these “self haul” projects, the builder or their employees are solely responsible for the collection and transport of the C&D waste. Per City Code, you cannot hire anyone or any other entity besides DWR to haul your waste. This restriction does not limit your ability to sell or donate separated C&D materials (such as wood, door knobs, scrap metal, etc.) for reuse or recycling, as long as the entity accepting your material does not require you to pay a fee for the collection, transportation, transfer, or processing of your materials

If you decide to self-haul C&D waste instead of using DWR, you are required to submit a Waste Reduction and Recycling Report form, receipts from the vendor/facility which received the material and any additional information needed to support a good faith effort determination, to the Building Department before final inspection.

There are specific exemptions from the C&D ordinance for construction and demolition work that is done in conjunction with an emergency or a building/structure deemed substandard by the California Building Code through the Chief Building Official. Exemptions are also allowed for projects contaminated by hazardous substances or waste (as defined by state or federal law) and any project at the discretion of the Chief Building Official or designee.

On May 12, the Yolo County Planning & Public Works Division of Integrated Waste Management opened its first construction and demolition transfer facility at the Yolo County Central Landfill at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland. Items accepted in mixed construction and demolition loads include: carpet padding, drywall, concrete, asphalt, dirt, soil, gravel, bricks, scrap metals, shrink wrap, plastic strapping and tubing, clean plastics comprised of PETE, HDPE, LDPE and PP, lumber, pallets, painted wood, wood roof shingles, branches, and green waste.

On average, 22% of the waste stream that is disposed of in California is comprised of construction and demolition debris. This new ordinance will help to keep these recyclable materials out of the landfill and helps the City continue to meet the State-mandated goal (AB 939) of diverting 50% of the materials going to the landfill by the year 2000 and beyond.

For more information about recycling and waste reduction, see www.davisrecycling.org. The City of Davis Recycling Program can be reached at 757-5686 or by email at pwweb@cityofdavis.org. The City of Davis C&D Ordinance is in Chapter 32, Section 4 of the City of Davis Municipal Code. The full text can be found online at www.cityofdavis.org/cmo/citycode.