

HAULER NEWSLETTER

THE C&D ISSUE

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In Chittenden County, these common C&D items are banned from landfill disposal:

CARDBOARD
SCRAP METAL
ASPHALT SHINGLES
CLEAN WOOD
PLYWOOD & OSB

In Vermont, they are banned by Act 175 (along with drywall) for projects of certain size & location.

Cardboard, as the most common packaging material on construction sites, is a key component of the C&D waste stream. If kept clean and dry, it is also one of the most readily recyclable materials.

Roofing materials and painted / stained wood represent the first and second largest types of C&D debris disposed by weight.

Between 2006 and 2016 the percentage of C&D materials diverted from disposal in a landfill increased by 28%.

DID YOU KNOW?

Construction and demolition (C&D) waste makes up an estimated 12.8% of Vermont's solid waste stream. In Chittenden County, it's actually just over 15%.¹

WHAT'S THE PLAN, STAN?

In Vermont, Act 250 requires a construction waste management plan for large construction and/or demolition projects. But **even small construction projects benefit from a waste management plan.**



CSWD will continue to work with architects, engineers, and general contractors in designing a meaningful plan and will encourage them to reach out to haulers early in the process.

Why do we encourage this? Because as a hauler you are knowledgeable about markets for materials. You understand what size or type of container may be needed. You may be familiar with the job site, and you definitely have experience working in tight spaces. Effectively, you are part of the design and construction team and every team member is responsible for knowing the plan.

DON'T CONTAMINATE. EDUCATE!

Generators, haulers, and transfer/recycling facilities **each have a role to play** when it comes to managing contamination. Generators should keep certain items out of their trash, haulers should refuse loads with certain items, and transfer/disposal facilities can refuse a load or impose a fee on loads with banned items.

The best defense is a good offense – and the easiest way to deal with contamination is to educate your customers from the start. Let them know what to look for, and give them tools they can use to keep containers free of contamination throughout the project.

EDUCATION TIPS

Provide **clear signage** for each container.

Encourage your customers to **label the containers with specific examples** of materials to put inside.

Place containers **inside fenced construction areas** or otherwise away from the public.



WHAT IF I DON'T?

If you **choose not to**, and your load contains more than 10 percent of a banned material (or any amount of hazardous waste), you will be charged a contamination fee or a banned material fee and the incident will be reported to the District.

The fee is charged to cover costs, including employee and equipment time, associated with handling banned materials. You are responsible for this fee unless you agree to reload the material for disposal at an approved facility. Continually accepting loads containing greater than 10 percent of banned materials could be deemed unlawful conduct and you may be subject to additional fines.

What can you do to avoid the fee? Educate your customers up front. Let them know that if banned items are found in a load, they will be responsible for any fees or fines incurred.

C&D RECYCLING TIPS

1. Identify materials that can be recycled.
2. Identify the recycler that will accept materials at the best price.
3. Determine number, type and size of areas/ containers needed on site.
4. Establish a pick-up plan with hauler/recycler.
5. Educate your employees.

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