



FAQs

Q: I don't have space on my jobsite for five different containers, what should I do?

A: Most likely you will not need all five at once. Concrete will be most prevalent during foundation work, wood most prevalent during framing, and cardboard during the interior finishes, etc. If space is not available for multiple containers, or you are not producing enough of each material to justify a container, consider stock piling the material until you do or self-haul it to a local recycling specialist. Find options in the Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling Resources sheet at fcgov.com/constructionrecycling.

Q: How will compliance be enforced?

A: Environmental compliance inspectors will visit job sites throughout the duration of a project to ensure the requirements are being met and to discuss any issues found with the site superintendent. The hauler will also confirm compliance with the final Construction Waste Management Plan (CWMP) and documentation.

Q: What are the punishments for not complying with the requirements?

A: Failing to follow or submit your CWMP could include penalties of over \$2,500 per day of the violation and up to six months in jail. A summons will be issued to the site superintendent if a violation is not corrected after receiving a notice of violation warning.

Q: One of my loads was rejected by the recycling facility and instead sent to the landfill, what should I do?

A: Often recycling facilities will either reject or charge extra for loads that contain too many unacceptable materials. Consider hosting a jobsite or tailgate meeting to discuss the instance with your employees and subcontractors. A site with regularly rejected loads will not be considered to be complying with the requirements and could be subject to a violation. Keep track of any rejected loads to include on your final CWMP.

Q: What types of wood can be recycled?

A: Any pallets and dimensional lumber that is NOT painted or treated should be recycled. Check with your hauler (or the recycling facility themselves if self-hauling) to verify if OSB, particle board or plywood is acceptable.

Q: Are nails okay in my wood recycling?

A: Yes! Small diameter nails/screws are accepted in your wood recycling.

Q: Is dirt acceptable with my concrete and asphalt recycling?

A: Dirt should be kept to a bare minimum. Use caution at concrete wash out pads to avoid contaminating the container with too much dirt.

Q: Can concrete with rebar or wire mesh be recycled?

A: Check with your hauler (or the recycling facility themselves if self-hauling) to verify their requirements.



Construction Site

RECYCLING

in Fort Collins



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Overview

Since 2012, the City of Fort Collins has required certain construction and demolition projects to recycle specific materials. This flyer will help you understand what types of projects are required to participate, what materials must be recycled, how project managers can comply, you'll also find a list of best management practices and FAQs.

City staff can assist you with a construction site recycling program. Please contact Linda Hardin at 970-416-2701 or Lhardin@fcgov.com.

What Are The Requirements?

NEW CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS AND REMODELS

Additions and remodels over 2,500 sq/ft and ALL new construction.

♻️ Materials that must be recycled

- > Asphalt, concrete and masonry
- > Metal
- > Wood
- > Cardboard

DEMOLITION

All demolitions excluding interior only demolitions under 1,000 sq/ft.

♻️ Materials that must be recycled

- > Metal*
- > Asphalt, concrete and masonry*
- > When possible, all remaining materials such as doors, windows, cabinets, fixtures and wood should also be recycled.

As A Reminder

- All materials should be processed to safely remove all asbestos and lead paint contamination.*
- Fort Collins' municipal code prohibits throwing away any cardboard or electronic debris regardless of the type of project.

Why Are There Requirements?

Construction and demolition activities generate 30-40% of the materials landfilled each year from Fort Collins. However, many of these materials could be recycled or reused. Recycling and reusing construction and demolition materials saves landfill space and reduces our community's greenhouse gas emissions. Successful construction and demolition recycling programs are necessary components in helping the community meet its zero waste and climate goals.

How To Comply

You can choose to either hire a full-service hauler to collect all trash and recyclables or may haul materials yourself to an appropriate recycling location. Information on local hauling companies, salvage and deconstruction businesses and recycling facilities can be found on the Construction & Demolition Debris Resource Sheet at fcgov.com/constructionrecycling.

AT THE START OF THE PROJECT

- ☐ Submit your initial Waste Management Plan at time of permit application, listing who will be responsible for hauling each material and where it will be taken.

DURING THE PROJECT

- ☐ Post your Waste Management Plan at the job site.
- ☐ Implement your Waste Management Plan and ensure all materials are recycled as required.

AT THE END OF THE PROJECT

- ☐ At the end of a project or whenever a certificate of occupancy/letter of completion is being requested, you will need to submit your final waste management plan with all fields complete, including total tonnages of materials disposed of, and signatures from both you and your hauler(s).
 - ▶ For projects with many certificates of occupancy completed on a rolling basis, please contact Jonathon Nagel at 970-416-2701 or jnagel@fcgov.com to create an agreed-upon plan for document submission.
- ☐ Documentation required to be submitted with the final Waste Management Plan:
 - ▶ A job site summary or invoices from your hauler(s) listing the site address, services provided, and total tonnages of materials disposed of.
 - ▶ All disposal tickets for self-hauled materials.
- ☐ Submit final documentation electronically to: environmentalcompliance@fcgov.com

Best Management Practices

1. Explain the recycling requirements to all employees and subcontractors that will be working on your jobsite and show them where the containers for each material are located.
2. Add compliance with your sites recycling plan into contracts with subcontractors.
3. Clearly label all containers in both English and Spanish on all sides of the container.
4. Co-locate trash and recycling containers to provide easy and equal access to all containers.
5. Work closely with your hauler(s) to understand their requirements of what can and cannot be included with each material.
6. Avoid mixing trash and recyclables for separation later; instead, use multiple small containers for each material wherever work is being performed, and then empty small containers into large bins when full.
7. Regularly inspect dumpsters to ensure only the correct materials are in each container. If materials are placed in the incorrect container, ask the responsible employee(s) or sub-contractor(s) to remove the incorrect materials and place them in the correct container.

