

Construction, Deconstruction, and Demolition Guide

For San Mateo County



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Construction and Demolition Recycling Requirements

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Most jurisdictions in San Mateo County have a recycling ordinance or building regulations that requires contractors to recycle materials generated on the job. Some jurisdictions may limit building contractors to a few approved recycling facilities and debris box companies. According to the CALGreen State Code, when a local jurisdiction does not have a construction and demolition waste management ordinance or building regulations, a construction waste management plan shall be submitted for approval to the enforcing agency. See pages 2-3 to view Unincorporated San Mateo County and jurisdiction requirements.

Deconstruction, Salvage, & Reuse

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Consider deconstruction before demolition. Many items such as wood floors, doors, windows, electrical equipment, and bathroom fixtures can be reused and salvaged from a building. See pages 4-5 to determine if salvage is appropriate at your site.

Recycling Facilities

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Waste generated at a construction site can be recycled in two ways:

- Source separate recyclables by material, such as cardboard, metal, clean wood, etc. into individual bins. Separating recyclables helps reduce dumping fees and improve recycling rates.
- Put recyclable materials into one bin and take it to a recycling facility that specializes in sorting mixed materials. See pages 6-7 for a list of Construction and Demolition sorting facilities in the Bay Area.

Hazardous & Universal Waste

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Many types of hazardous and universal waste are found at construction and demolition sites. These materials must be identified and handled correctly prior to remodeling, deconstruction, or demolition and during construction. See pages 8-9 to find a list of wastes and where to take them.

Hauling & Debris Box Companies

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You may either haul your own recyclable materials or hire a debris box company and request that the material be recycled. Note that in some jurisdictions you may be required to use a certain debris box company. See pages 2-3 to view jurisdiction requirements and page 10 for a list of debris box companies.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does C&D stand for?

Construction and Demolition.

2. Why is it important that C&D materials be recycled?

A lot of natural resources can be saved by recycling C&D materials, which make up 29% of the materials going into the landfill.

3. Do all the jurisdictions have the same recycling requirements?

No. All jurisdictions require a minimum of California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) detailed below. Local ordinances or building regulations may have more stringent requirements and may have different penalties. Refer to the chart on pages 2-3 for details on a specific jurisdiction or unincorporated area.

4. What are the CALGreen Requirements?

CALGreen requires that the following projects recycle and/or salvage for reuse a minimum of 65% of the nonhazardous C&D materials:

- The construction of a new permitted structure
- Renovations, remodels, or additions to an existing structure that increase the building's conditioned area, volume, or size

Nonresidential new construction, additions of 1,000 square feet or greater, and/or alterations with a permit valuation of \$200,000 or above shall require verification that prohibited Universal Waste items are disposed properly and diverted from the landfill. See page 9.

For more information or other specific requirements see pages 2-3.

Visit www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/CALGreen for more information on CALGreen requirements.

5. Why am I asked what jurisdiction my waste came from?

The State requires each jurisdiction to reduce waste through recycling, composting, or other diversion activities. Landfill and transfer station gatekeepers ask where the waste is coming from to gather information to report to the jurisdictions or county.

6. What is a mixed C&D recycling facility?

At a mixed C&D recycling facility, different materials are sorted from a load of mixed debris. A load of mixed C&D generally includes over 75% recyclable items such as drywall, metal, untreated wood, yard trimmings, windows, toilets, and small amounts of inert materials. Large amounts of inerts should go into rock boxes.

7. What are inert materials?

Inert solids or aggregates include asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, and stone.

8. What is Alternative Daily Cover?

Alternative daily cover (ADC) means cover material other than earthen material placed on the surface of the active face of a municipal solid waste landfill at the end of each operating day to control vectors, fires, odors, blowing litter, and scavenging.

9. What does Ox Mountain Landfill accept for recycling?

Ox Mountain Landfill accepts loads of source separated materials for reuse on site. These materials are: asphalt, bricks, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, stone, and untreated wood.

Mixed loads with untreated wood and/or yard trimmings mixed with inerts (asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, and stone) will not be sorted and therefore not recycled, but landfilled.

Mixed loads with inerts only (asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, and stone) will be accepted for ADC.

10. How do I make sure my receipts show that I recycled materials?

First, you must make sure that you are taking your load to a facility that can recycle the materials you have and has a recycling rate of 65% or greater. When you are at the gate of any facility, be sure to tell them that you would like to recycle the material and the name of the jurisdiction or unincorporated county location it is from. You will need a receipt that reflects this information. The receipt will indicate that the material was either recycled or disposed. The receipts will be needed for your final inspection.

11. What if a debris box company handles all my waste?

To meet local recycling requirements, you will need to request that the debris box company take your waste to an approved recycling facility and provide you with appropriate receipts from those facilities.

12. What do I do about the waste generated by my subcontractors?

The general contractor or applicant is responsible for ensuring that the recycling requirements are met for all waste generated on site, including waste generated by the subcontractors. Share this information with your subcontractors.

C&D Recycling Requirements

Jurisdiction	Deposit	CALGreen Required Projects: See below for additional required projects	CALGreen Recycling Requirements: See below for additional recycling requirements	Debris Box Regulations	Name of Waste Management Form: Applicants must fill out a form detailing their recycling plan
Atherton 650-752-0560	yes	Any project over \$50,000 or generating more than 10 tons of debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must allow 10 working days for salvage prior to demolition • A, C, or D: recycle 75% of total waste • Shingle/shake roofing: recycle 75% of total waste 	Open to all haulers	Construction, Demolition, Recycling Calculator
Belmont 650-595-7422	no**	CALGreen Building Standards	CALGreen Building Standards	Open to all haulers	Construction and Demolition Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan
Brisbane 415-508-2120	yes	Demolition over 200 ft ² , renovation, remodel, or addition over \$75,000, and re-roofing over 500 ft ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D: recycle 100% of inert solids*, recycle or salvage 65% of other construction debris • R: recycle 65% of total waste 	South San Francisco Scavenger Company	Construction and Demolition Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan
Burlingame 650-558-7260	yes	All permitted projects with a valuation greater than \$50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inert solids* can't be counted for more than 25% of the diversion • ADC is not counted as recycled material 	Open to all haulers	Construction and Demolition Recycling and Waste Reduction Form
Colma 650-757-8888	yes	All demolition, remodel, or construction projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must salvage if possible 	Republic Services of Daly City	Construction and Demolition Recycling Form
Daly City 650-991-8061	yes	CALGreen Building Standards	CALGreen Building Standards	Republic Services of Daly City	Waste Management Plan
East Palo Alto 650-853-3129	yes	All demolition	CALGreen Building Standards	Open to all haulers	Waste Management Plan
Foster City 650-286-3227	yes	CALGreen Building Standards	CALGreen Building Standards	Open to all haulers	Waste Management Plan
Half Moon Bay 650-726-8270	no**	Projects over \$5,000	CALGreen Building Standards	Republic Services of Half Moon Bay	Green Halo
Hillsborough 650-375-7436	no**	All demolition, alteration, and new construction projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use approved mixed processing facility • ADC not counted as recycled material 	Must use a hauler from the approved list	Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan Compliance Report
Menlo Park 650-330-6704	no**	CALGreen Building Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must allow 7 working days for salvage prior to demolition • ADC is not counted as recycled material 	Open to all haulers	Green Halo

A = Alterations or Addition
 C = New Construction
 D = Demolition
 R = Roofing

Jurisdiction	Deposit	CALGreen Required Projects: See below for additional required projects	CALGreen Recycling Requirements: See below for additional recycling requirements	Debris Box Regulations	Name of Waste Management Form: Applicants must fill out a form detailing their recycling plan
Millbrae 650-259-2444	no**	CALGreen Building Standards	CALGreen Building Standards	South San Francisco Scavenger Company	Waste Management Plan
Pacifica 650-738-7341	no	CALGreen Building Standards	CALGreen Building Standards	Recology of the Coast	Waste Management Plan
Portola Valley 650-851-1700 x 299	yes	Any permitted construction, demolition, or re-roofing projects; Non-residential additions/alterations larger than 1,000 ft ² or greater than \$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must allow 5 working days for salvage prior to demolition A, C, D, or R: recycle 75% of total waste 	Open to all haulers	Green Halo
Redwood City 650-780-7350	yes	All demolitions, all tear off roofing permits and any construction valuation of \$50,000 or greater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A, C, or D: recycle 100% of inert solids*, recycle or salvage 65% of total waste 	Open to all haulers	Green Halo
San Bruno 650-616-7074	yes	Any complete demolition, alteration, or addition valued over \$50,000	CALGreen Building Standards	Recology San Bruno	Recycling and Waste Reduction Form
San Carlos 650-802-4261	yes	Any project over \$50,000 or generating more than 5 tons of debris	CALGreen Building Standards	Open to all haulers	Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan Agreement
San Mateo 650-522-7379	yes	Demolition of an entire building, alteration or remodel with a valuation of \$50,000 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inert solids* can't be counted for more than 25% of the diversion 	Open to all haulers	Green Halo
South San Francisco 650-829-6670	yes	Demolition over \$500, remodel over \$50,000, or size equal or greater than 2,000 ft ² , roofing projects over 100 ft ² .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A, C, or D: recycle 100% of inert solids*, minimum of 65% of all non-inert solids* 	South San Francisco Scavenger Company	Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan
Woodside 650-851-6796	yes	Any project over \$10,000 or generating more than 10 tons of debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must allow 5 working days for salvage prior to demolition D: recycle 65% of total waste, at least 15% must be non-inert material* 	Open to all haulers	Green Halo
Unincorporated San Mateo County 888-442-2666	no**	All permitted building demolition projects, alterations to kitchens, and/or an existing building where the square footage of the work exceeds 500 sf ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must allow 10 working days for salvage prior to demolition A, C, or D: Recycle all inert solids*, recycle or salvage 65% of non-inert solids* 	Open to all haulers except El Granada, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Pillar Point, and Princeton; these areas are required to use Recology of the Coast	Green Halo

* Inert solids include asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, and stone.

** Fines or penalties may apply for non-compliance.

Deconstruction, also referred to as **salvage** or **soft demolition**, is a cost-effective and environmentally responsible alternative to conventional building demolition.

Deconstruction is the opposite of construction with the intent to recover materials. In deconstruction, hazardous materials are removed, reusable appliances, flooring, and other building materials are salvaged, and nonreusable materials are recycled.

Plan Ahead

Some buildings may appear to be too old to save, but older buildings can have some of the best materials! If you will be demolishing a building, plan ahead to allow time for deconstruction. It takes longer to deconstruct a building because the building is taken apart carefully to remove materials to be reused later. In some jurisdictions, such as Unincorporated San Mateo County, you may be able to get a demolition permit before your new construction permit is approved to allow extra time.

To successfully deconstruct a building for salvage, you may have a deconstruction or soft demolition contractor identify and remove the usable materials, or you may remove the materials yourself. You can reuse the materials on another project, take them to a salvage yard, give them to a friend or neighbor, or donate them. Be sure to take special care to identify and remove any electrical components that may contain mercury such as lights, thermostats, and switches. These must be treated as universal waste.

Donate Materials for a Tax Deduction

Deconstruction can cost two to three times as much as demolition because there is more labor involved. To offset this cost, you may donate materials to a non-profit organization and be eligible for a tax deduction receipt. Donations of \$5,000 or more need to be certified by a third-party IRS Qualified appraiser.

Deconstruction Workshops and Master Deconstruction Program

Benefits of Deconstruction Workshops are two-hours and offered twice a year on Zoom. Learn about the deconstruction process, tax deductions, and how to donate and reuse building materials and incorporate them into your projects. The Master Deconstruction Program is an in depth multi-day course that includes classroom instruction and deconstructing a house.

Visit www.smcsustainability.org/get-involved/become-a-local-leader/workshops-and-courses/ for more information and upcoming trainings.



Deconstruction Appraisers

Deconstruction Appraisal Group

Orinda
925-254-1976
www.deconstructionappraisal.com

Green Earth Appraisals

525 Broadway
Millbrae
650-455-6683
https://greeneearthappraisals.com
• Offers free survey

Leslie Suh Appraisals

Redwood City
925-389-1801
www.lesliesuhappraisals.com

Property Pros

Encinitas
800-561-3023
https://gotopropertypros.com

Deconstruction Services

Bay Area Deconstruction DBA Thor Demolition

San Francisco
888-714-7444
www.thordemolition.com
• Offers free survey

Borquez Demolition

Oakland
510-809-5105
www.borquezdemolitioninc.com

Golden State Hauling and Demolition

Redwood City
650-391-9031
https://goldenstatehaulinganddemo.com

Makoni Construction

Menlo Park
650-533-2124
https://makonideconcompany.com

Marcan Enterprise

Santa Clara
650-366-3066
https://marcanenterprise.com

Peninsula Hauling and Demolition

San Carlos
650-596-8105
https://peninsulahauling.com

Rebuild Green

Palo Alto
650-747-6599
www.rebuildgreen.net

Deconstruction Services and Salvage Yards

Whole House Building Supply & Salvage

San Mateo
650-218-8596
https://driftwoodsalvage.com
• Offers free survey
• Tax deduction receipt
Call for an appointment.
Accepts and sells used building materials and runs salvage sales at individual homes they are deconstructing.

Firewood Farms

551 San Mateo Road (Highway 92)
Half Moon Bay
650-726-3266
www.firewoodfarms.com
Deconstructs old barns and sells flooring and other salvaged wood products.

PlaceMakers, Inc.

1062 Center Street
San Carlos
650-421-1330
https://placemakersinc.com
• Offers free survey
• Tax deduction receipt
Accepts and sells salvaged materials for a tax deduction. Provides deconstruction service.

Rebuilding Together Peninsula

Redwood City
650-366-6597
www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org
Accepts cabinets, electrical fixtures, flooring over 12 x 12 square feet, lumber, tools, safety items, and appliances 3 years old or less in like-new condition. Call first.

Reusable Lumber Company

La Honda
650-529-9122
https://reusablelumber.com
Call for appointment. Will deconstruct homes for usable wood or pick up wood from construction sites.

The ReUse People

9235 San Leandro St.
Oakland
888-588-9490
www.thereusepeople.org
• Offers free survey
• Tax deduction receipt
Accepts and sells a wide variety of salvaged building materials. Provides deconstruction services.

Salvage Yards

Building Resources of San Francisco

701 Amador Street
San Francisco
415-285-7814
https://buildingresources.org
• Tax deduction receipt
Accepts and sells a wide variety of salvaged building materials.

Urban Ore

900 Murray Street
Berkeley
510-841-7283
www.urbanore.com
Accepts and sells a wide variety of salvaged building materials.

Examples of reusable building materials:

- Architectural details (columns, fireplace mantels, moulding, etc.)
- Brick & block
- Doors & windows
- Electrical equipment
- Flooring
- Hardware
- Heating ducts
- Light fixtures
- Lumber
- Paneling
- Plumbing fittings and fixtures (faucets, toilets, bathtubs, etc.)
- Siding
- Steel beams & studs
- Wainscoting

Tree Salvage

Arborist Now

1485 Bayshore #127 Suite 329
San Francisco
415-310-7781
www.arboristnow.com
Makes slabs and other materials from fallen trees.

Firewood Farms

551 San Mateo Road (Highway 92)
Half Moon Bay
650-726-1702
www.firewoodfarms.com
Saws and reshapes old beams and wood and makes slabs, furniture, flooring, siding, and other materials from fallen trees.

Online Salvage Yards

These websites provide free classifieds for buying, selling, and giving away used items.

<https://sfbay.craigslist.org>

www.ebay.com

www.facebook.com/marketplace

www.freecycle.org

<https://pacificreclaimed.com>

<https://nextdoor.com>

Recycling Facilities

A sorting facility specializes in sorting recyclable C&D materials at a rate of 65% or greater. Mixed C&D loads should include at least 75% of the materials listed below, and most of it will be recycled. Large quantities of inert solids (asphalt, concrete, dirt) should be kept separate from mixed C&D loads.

Unless you are taking your recycling to a sorting facility, the following materials must be separated and brought in as loads of only one material type. Some facilities accept mixed inerts (mixed loads of crushed asphalt, concrete, and dirt) for recycling. Mixed inert loads will cost more than separated loads.

Recycling Facilities	Sorting Facilities	Mixed inerts	Asphalt	Bricks	Carpet & padding	Concrete	Dirt	Drywall (unpainted)	Landfill (waste)	Metal	Pallets	Porcelain	Rock	Roofing (composite)	Wood (untreated)	Wood (treated)	Yard trimmings
	San Mateo County																
Andreini Brothers, Inc. 151 Main Street Half Moon Bay 650-726-2065 www.andreinibrothers.com			✓			✓							✓		✓		
Blue Line Transfer, Inc. 500 East Jamie Court South San Francisco 650-589-4020 www.bluelinetransfer.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Brisbane Recycling Company 5 Beatty Road Brisbane 415-468-8822 www.brisbanerecycling.com			✓			✓											
CEMEX 775 Seaport Boulevard Redwood City 650-369-9189 www.cemexusa.com		✓	✓			✓							✓				
Foremost Recycling 199 Seaport Boulevard Redwood City 650-450-7636 www.foremostrecycling.com			✓	✓		✓							✓				
Graniterock 365 Blomquist Redwood City 650-482-3840 www.graniterock.com			✓			✓											
Half Moon Bay Building & Garden Supply 119 Main Street Half Moon Bay 650-726-6696 www.halfmoonbaybuildingandgarden.com			✓			✓											
Ox Mountain Sanitary Landfill 12310 San Mateo Road (HWY 92) Half Moon Bay 650-726-1819 www.republicservices.com		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	

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Pescadero Transfer Station 921 Bean Hollow Road at Artichoke Pescadero 650-592-2411 https://sustainsmc.org/PTS									✓	✓	✓				✓		✓
Recology of the Coast Pacifica through Miramar residents only 1046 Palmetto Ave Pacifica 650-355-9000 www.recology.com/recology-of-the-coast										✓	✓				✓		
Rice Trucking-Soil Farm 2119 Cabrillo HWY S. Half Moon Bay 650-726-0100							✓										
Shoreway Environmental Center 333 Shoreway Road San Carlos 650-802-8355 https://southbaysideindustries.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Sims Metal 699 Seaport Boulevard Redwood City 650-369-4161 www.simsmm.com										✓							
Alameda County																	
Certified Blue 2075 Williams Street San Leandro 510-346-8800 www.cbrecycle.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
GreenWaste Hayward Transfer Station 3458 Enterprise Way Hayward 510-606-1548 www.greenwaste.com/facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
San Francisco County																	
Recology San Francisco 501 Tunnel Avenue San Francisco 415-330-1400 www.recology.com		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Santa Clara County																	
GreenWaste Zanker Resource Recovery 675 Los Esteros Road San Jose 408-263-2384 www.greenwaste.com/facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Newby Island Landfill 1601 Dixon Landing Road Milpitas 408-262-1401 www.republicservices.com/newby-island	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

At a construction site, it is very important to identify **hazardous material** so you can separate it from other waste and properly dispose of it.

Prior to a demolition, it is necessary to identify and remove hazardous wastes. Be prepared to manage hazardous waste generated during construction and at the end of the project.

Hazardous Waste accepted by the HHW or VSQG program

- Ballasts
- Caulk containing PCBs
- Cleaning supplies
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Garden chemicals
- Glues, mastics, and adhesives
- Oils
- Paint chips (paint removed from projects conducted before 1980 contain lead)
- Paints, thinners, and stains
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Pool chemicals

Hazardous Waste not accepted by the HHW or VSQG program

- Asbestos
- Pressure treated wood
- Railroad ties
- Telephone poles

For more information on where to recycle items that are not accepted by the HHW or VSQG program call 888-442-2666.

Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program

If you are a San Mateo County resident, you may use the free HHW program. To make an appointment or for more details, visit www.smchealth.org/hhw. Call 650-372-6200 if you have questions.

Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program

A VSQG (per state law) is any business that generates less than 100 kilograms (about 220 pounds or 27 gallons) of hazardous waste per month. The VSQG Program is designed to provide an inexpensive hazardous waste disposal option to eligible businesses, non-profits, and other government agencies. Visit www.smchealth.org/vsqq for details. Call 916-299-4228 to make an appointment at the next collection event. There are minimal fees.

Transporting Hazardous Waste

Legally, you can only transport up to 10 gallons of hazardous waste at one time without a special license and permit. Qualified VSQG businesses may legally carry up to 27 gallons or 220 pounds of a hazardous waste for disposal to the VSQG Facility.

You may also select a hazardous waste management company to collect and haul hazardous waste for you.

If you do not qualify for the VSQG program

If your business generates more than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste per month, you will need to find the appropriate commercial hazardous waste management company to handle your material. Companies that provide this service may be found by visiting www.smchealth.org/vsqq or by contacting the County's Hazardous Materials Program at 650-372-6200.

Paint Recycling

Paint (interior/exterior), primers, stains, sealers and clear coatings (e.g., shellac and varnish) can be recycled for free at many locations throughout the Bay Area. For a complete list of products that can be recycled and the locations to bring them to, visit www.paintcare.org.

Locations in the Bay Area to dispose of asbestos and treated wood:

Altamont Landfill

10840 Altamont Pass Road

Livermore

Call first 925-455-7300

(friable and non-friable asbestos)

www.wm.com/us/en/facilities/altamont-landfill

Locations in the Bay Area to dispose of treated wood:

San Francisco Transfer Station

501 Tunnel Avenue

San Francisco

415-330-1400

www.recology.com/recology-san-francisco/sf-transfer-station

Proper Recycling of Universal Waste

Hazardous waste regulations designate a category of hazardous wastes called universal waste. California's Universal Waste Rule allows individuals and businesses to transport, handle and recycle certain common hazardous wastes, termed universal wastes, in a manner that differs from the requirements for most hazardous wastes. The more relaxed requirements for managing universal wastes were adopted to ensure that they are managed safely and are not disposed of in the landfill.

What are Universal Wastes?

Universal wastes are hazardous wastes that are widely produced by households and many different types of businesses. Universal wastes include televisions, computers, and other electronic devices as well as batteries, fluorescent lamps, mercury thermostats, and other mercury containing equipment. See complete list in the column to the right. For more information visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/universalwaste>. For a full list of locations, visit www.RecycleStuff.org.

Locations that will recycle Universal Waste for a fee

* Takes some items for free from San Mateo County residents. Call first.

**Takes only universal waste from residents, not businesses.

Blue Line Transfer Station

500 East Jamie Ct., So. San Francisco
650-589-5511
www.bluelinetransfer.com

- Batteries
- Electronic devices
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Solar panels

Clean Earth*

189 Stauffer Boulevard
San Jose
408-295-0640
www.cleanearthinc.com/locations/san-jose-california

- Batteries
- Electronic devices
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- HID lamps
- Mercury-containing devices

Quick Light Recycling, LLC

170 S. Spruce Ave
South San Francisco
415-596-2305
www.quicklightrecycling.com

- Batteries
- Electronic devices
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- HID lamps
- Solar panels

ReVolt Recycling

657 143rd Avenue, San Leandro
510-352-2665
www.revoltrecycling.com

- Batteries
- Electronic devices
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- HID lamps
- Mercury-containing devices
- Solar panels

Shoreway Environmental Center**

333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos
650-802-8355
<https://southbaysideindustries.com>

- Batteries
- Electronic devices
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes

ZARC*

26 South Linden Avenue
South San Francisco
650-871-7327
www.zarcrecycling.com

- Batteries
- Electronic devices

At a construction site, it is very important to identify **Universal Waste** so you can separate it from other waste and properly dispose of it.

Prior to any renovation, it is necessary to identify and remove universal wastes. Be prepared to handle universal waste generated during construction and at the end of the project.

If a nonresidential project is $\geq 1,000$ sq. ft. or $\geq \$200,000$, be prepared to report on how the universal waste was managed.

Universal Waste accepted by the HHW program for free or the VSQG program for a fee

- Batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- High Intensity Discharge (HID) Lamps: metal halide lamps, sodium vapor lamps and electric lamps that contain added mercury
- Non-empty aerosol cans that contain hazardous waste
- Any mercury-containing waste: thermometers, pressure or vacuum gauges, dilators and weighted tubing, rubber flooring, gas flow regulators, counterweights and dampers switches and thermostats

Universal Waste not accepted by the HHW or VSQG program

- Electronic Devices: Televisions, VCR and DVD Players, computers, computer monitors, cathode ray tubes (CRTs), and cellphones

For more information on where to recycle items that are not accepted by the HHW or VSQG program, visit www.RecycleStuff.org or call our toll free hotline at 888-442-2666.

Debris Box Regulations

When using a debris box company, request that your C&D materials are recycled and receipts are provided.

Key questions to ask when selecting a company are:

- What recyclable materials do you pick-up?
- Do you offer a reduced fee for separated recyclable materials?
- What are your requirements for separating recyclable materials?
- How much contamination do you allow?

The following areas have exclusive contracts that require the use of specific or registered debris box companies:

Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, San Bruno, South San Francisco and certain unincorporated San Mateo County areas (**El Granada, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Pillar Point, and Princeton**). All other jurisdictions may use any of the following companies that haul mixed loads and sorted materials in San Mateo County.

Hauling Companies

1-800-Got-Junk

Santa Clara
1-800-got-junk (468-5865)
www.1800gotjunk.com

Golden State Hauling and Demolition

Redwood City
650-391-9031
<https://goldenstatehaulinganddemo.com>

Junk King

Burlingame
650-394-7484
www.junk-king.com

Kunz Valley Trash Boulder Creek

831-818-1995
www.kunzvalleytrash.com

Peninsula Hauling and Demolition

San Carlos
650-596-8105
www.peninsulahauling.com

Debris Box Companies

American Debris Box

Half Moon Bay
650-240-0873
www.americanportablesinc.com

Bayview Industrial

Oakland
510-562-6181
www.bayviewservices.com

Citywide Debris Box and Recycling

San Francisco
415-822-3688
www.citywidedebrisbox.com

Elmer Debris Box Service, Inc.

Redwood City
650-260-2728
<https://elmerdebrisbox.com>

Ferma Corporation

Newark
650-961-2742
www.fermacorp.com

GreenWaste Recovery

San Jose
888-533-9269
www.greenwaste.com
Serves Woodside, Portola Valley, and Atherton.

Peninsula Debris Box

San Mateo
800-799-1737
<https://peninsuladebrisbox.com>

Recology of the Coast

Pacifica
650-355-9000
www.recology.com/recology-of-the-coast
Serves Pacifica - Miramar.

Recology Peninsula Services

Burlingame
650-558-9575
www.recology.com/recology-san-bruno/debris-boxes
Serves San Bruno and Burlingame - East Palo Alto.

Redwood Debris Box Service

Burlingame
650-872-2310
www.rdsredwood.com

Republic Services of San Mateo County

Daly City
650-592-2411
Serves Daly City, Colma, and Half Moon Bay.
www.republicservices.com

South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Inc.

South San Francisco
650-589-4020
www.ssfscavenger.com
Serves South San Francisco, Brisbane, and Millbrae.

Hauling and Debris Box Companies

Associated Trucking

San Bruno
650-652-3960
www.associatedtruckinginc.com

Baker Brothers

San Mateo
650-458-8999

Eco-Dumpster

Redwood City
650-367-7644
<https://eco-dumpster.com>

Thor Demolition

San Francisco
888-714-7444
www.thordemolition.com

Hazardous Waste Hauling and Debris Box Companies

Bayview Industrial

Oakland
510-562-6181
www.bayviewservices.com

Ferma Corporation

Newark
650-961-2742
www.fermacorp.com

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