

DETAILED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS GUIDE



CONTAINERS- Debris boxes and bins are available in a variety of sizes for source separated and mixed materials. Containers can be ordered on an on-call basis or as a scheduled weekly service by calling (650) 493-4894.

LOADING CONTAINERS- Sort and separate all construction and deconstruction related materials into designated containers (debris boxes or bins) based on material type. Material must be level and cannot extend higher than the sides of the container or the fill-line.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS- All debris boxes have a weight limit of 8 tons and all bins have a weight limit of 0.5 tons. If you are loading heavy materials such as concrete, dirt, shingles, or sod, weight restrictions may limit the amount of material you can place into the container.

HAULING- All deconstruction and construction projects are required to utilize GreenWaste of Palo Alto for the collection of all materials if using containers (bins or debris boxes) at project sites.

MATERIAL CATEGORIES- Materials are divided into two categories, Category A and Category B. Service fees are determined based on these categories.

CATEGORY A- Mixed material.

- Construction debris
- Garbage
- Mixed concrete/brick
- Sod

CATEGORY B- Source separated material.

- Cardboard
- Carpet
- Clean concrete
- Clean wood
- Dirt
- Drywall/Sheetrock
- Metal
- Shingles

CONTAINER SIZES

CONTAINER SIZE	DIMENSIONS	TYPE OF MATERIAL
2 cubic yard bin	81" x 41.5" x 51.5"	Category B (source separated material)
4 cubic yard bin	81" x 55.5" x 66.5"	Category B (source separated material)
7 cubic yard debris box	14' x 8' x 2'	Concrete, dirt, sod, or tar and gravel roofing only. No mixed materials.
15 cubic yard debris box	18' x 8' x 4'	Category A (mixed material), Category B (source separated material)
20 cubic yard debris box	16' x 8' x 5.3'	Category A (mixed material), Category B (source separated material)
30 cubic yard debris box	21' x 8' x 4.5'	Category A (mixed material), Category B (source separated material)
40 cubic yard debris box	21' x 8' x 7.5'	Category A (mixed material), Category B (source separated material)

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CARDBOARD

CLEAN CARDBOARD- Must be dry, flattened, and unwaxed.

CATEGORY B

CARPET

CARPET & PADDING- Must be dry, free of tack strips, nails, and other debris. Carpet must be cut into 5' widths, no smaller than 3', and rolled yarn side out.

CATEGORY B

CLEAN WOOD

WOOD & YARD DEBRIS- Small amounts of metal affixed to wood such as nails or hinges are acceptable. Tree rounds and trees must be less than 4' and have a diameter of less than 2'. No painted or treated lumber, plastics or mylar adhered to wood, or railroad ties.

- Brush
- Cut grass
- Fencing
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Lumber
- Misc. non-fibrous plants (no ivy or palm)
- Pallets
- Plywood
- Tree chips
- Tree rounds
- Tree trimmings

CATEGORY B

CONCRETE

CONCRETE #1- Clean and dry concrete only. No rebar, wire, or dirt. Pieces must be no larger than 3'x3'x3'.

CATEGORY B

CONCRETE #2- Clean and dry concrete containing some rebar or wire and dirt. Pieces must be no larger than 3'x3'x3'.

CATEGORY B

CONCRETE #3- Mixed dry concrete.

- Adobe
- Asphalt with petromat
- Brick
- Clay tile roofing
- Glass
- Gravel
- Gunite
- Plaster
- Porcelain toilets & sinks
- Sand
- Stones
- Stucco

CATEGORY A

DIRT

FILL DIRT

CATEGORY B

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DRYWALL

SHEETROCK- Painted or unpainted sheetrock with small amounts of other items like Visqueen, ceiling tiles, wood or other debris.

CATEGORY B

METAL

MIXED METAL

- Aerosol cans (empty, non-hazardous)
- Hardware (e.g., keys, nails, screws)
- Lighting fixtures
- Metal furniture (e.g., chairs, tables, frames)
- Paint cans (empty, dry, no excessive residue)
- Pipe
- Scrap metal (e.g., aluminum, copper)
- Small metal appliances (e.g., microwave)
- Tools

CATEGORY B

SHINGLES

SHINGLES- Includes commercial and residential asphalt roofing and tar and gravel roofing.

CATEGORY B

SOD

SOD- Plastic backing is acceptable.

CATEGORY A

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

MIXED CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS- Must contain a mix of over 75% recyclable materials.

- Appliances (Freon containing items prohibited)
- Asphalt
- Brick
- Brush and trees (must be less than 4' in length and have a diameter of less than 2').
- Cardboard (must be dry, flattened, and unwaxed.)
- Concrete (small quantities only due to weight restrictions)
- Granite
- Metals
- Paper
- Porcelain toilets & sinks
- Rigid plastics
- Rock
- Sheetrock
- Tile
- Wood (e.g., fencing, lumber, pallets)

CATEGORY A



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GARBAGE

MIXED GARBAGE- Contains non-recyclable items.

CATEGORY A

- Bagged or wrapped materials
- Ceiling tiles
- Composite materials (e.g., carbon fiber)
- Crushed materials
- Damp/wet materials
- Fiberglass
- Film plastics
- Foam
- Furniture
- Ground rubber materials
- Insulation
- Laminated wood
- Mattresses
- Office partitions
- PVC plastic
- Padding
- Painted wood
- Palm, ivy, other fibrous plant material
- Particle board
- Roofing felt
- Rubber tiles
- Sawdust
- Signs (e.g., foam, PVC, vinyl)
- Textiles, linen
- Vinyl flooring
- Visqueen
- Windows

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS- These items **CANNOT** go in any debris boxes or bins.

- Concrete slurry or paste
- Food
- Freon containing items (e.g., refrigerators, AC)
- Hazardous waste (e.g., paint, chemicals, oil)
- Liquid
- Medical waste
- Sludge
- Treated wood

CARTS- Carts are required for deconstruction projects with a minimum project length of 1 month or longer. Service will occur on a weekly basis for three material streams – compost, recycle, and landfill. Carts are designated for material generated during deconstruction activities such as workers' lunches.



COMPOST: carts available in either 64 or 96 gallon sizes.



RECYCLE: carts available in either 64 or 96 gallon sizes.



LANDFILL: carts available in either 64 or 96 gallon sizes.