

What Is CDDD?

CDDD is the City of San José's Construction & Demolition Diversion Deposit Program.

About 30% of the waste that goes to landfills is construction and demolition (C&D) debris.

More than 200,000 tons of this material can be recovered for other uses each year!

CDDD is San José's incentive program to encourage the recovery of C&D debris.

The City of San José will collect a deposit based on the square footage and type of project that is planned, and fully refund it if the C&D debris is diverted from burial in the landfill.

Recover/Recycle your C&D Debris

Before starting your demolition, construction, or remodeling project, determine how you will manage your construction and demolition debris and any excess building materials. There are three options to consider:

1. Materials can be taken to a CDDD-Certified Facility for recovery/recycling.
2. Materials can be re-used or donated.
3. A combination approach: some materials can be taken to a CDDD-Certified Facility for recovery/recycling and other materials can be re-used or donated.

Recovering or recycling your C&D debris means that you have reduced the amount of C&D debris related to your project that might have been buried in a landfill. It is important that you document how this is done and save this information for your refund.

The easiest method is to take the materials to a CDDD-Certified Facility. These facilities have been audited by the City to verify that at least 50% of the material accepted is diverted from burial in landfills.

If you take any loads to a CDDD-Certified Facility (list provided in this pamphlet), you must inform the operator that the load is from a CDDD Project and provide the Permit Number to be entered on the receipt.

If you enlist the services of a hauler to take the materials to a CDDD certified facility, make sure your hauler is aware of the CDDD Program and can provide you with the required information (for example, CDDD certified facility receipts).

Refund applicants must provide documentation to demonstrate that the C&D debris and other project materials were adequately diverted from burial in the landfill (*San Jose Municipal Code Chapter 9.10, Part 15*).

Apply for a CDDD Refund

Make sure you have the required items corresponding to the option (listed in the Refund Requirements section in this pamphlet) that best matches your project. Once you have collected all your documents, review and follow all instructions given on the CDDD Refund Request Form attached to this pamphlet to complete your refund process.

Refunds will also be granted for projects where the building permit application is withdrawn or cancelled before any work has begun.

The City must receive all refund requests no later than 180 days after the project is terminated or the deposit refund will be forfeited.