

# C&D DEBRIS GUIDE

C&D RECYCLING FACILITY	C&D DEBRIS DISPOSAL SITE CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPALITY	LANDFILL DISPOSAL SITE
Rock (not sulphide bearing)	Creosote-treated timber	Caulking tubes
Aggregate	Pressure-treated wood	Empty Paint can
Uncontaminated Soil	Laminated wood/ Painted wood	Adhesives containers
Bricks	Built-up glued wood sections	Furniture
Mortar	Particle / chip board	Mattresses
Concrete (free of reinforced steel)	lighting fixtures (no PCB ballasts)	Curtains and other textiles
Asphalt pavement	Wiring/ piping/ nails	
Porcelain / ceramics	Gypsum board	
Trees	Structural metals	
Brush	Plastic/vinyl materials	
Limbs	Insulation	
Stumps	asphalt Shingles	
Root balls	metal joiners, framers structural components	
Organic material	Carpeting	
Milled wood (free of adhesives, coatings or preservatives)	Vinyl flooring and linoleum	
White Goods	Ceiling tiles (non-Asbestos)	
Air conditioners (Freon Removed)		
Empty Fuel tanks		



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## Materials Banned from Nova Scotia Landfills

Designated Material (as of)	Where should it go?
Redeemed Beverage containers (April 1996)	Blue/Clear bag or ENVIRO-DEPOT™
Corrugated cardboard (April 1996)	Blue/Clear bag
Newsprint (April 1996)	Blue/Clear Bag
Steel/tin and Glass food containers (April 1998)	Blue/Clear Bag
Used tires - rims removed (April 1996)	Take up to 4 at a time back to dealer
Lead-acid (automotive) batteries (April 1996)	ENVIRO-DEPOT™
Compostable organic material (June 1998) leaf and yard waste (June 1996)	Compost/ Green Cart
Waste paint (April 1997)	ENVIRO-DEPOT™
LDPE and HDPE bags and packaging (April 1998)	Blue/Clear Bag
Televisions (Feb.2008)	ACES Depot
Desktop, laptop and notebook computers, including CPU's, keyboards, mice, cables and other components in the computer ,Computer monitors ,Computer printers, including printers that have scanning or fax capabilities or both (Feb. 2008)	ACES Depot
Audio and video playback and recording systems , telephones and fax machines, cell phones and other wireless devices	ACES Depot



**REDUCE your impact**

## A CONTRACTOR'S GUIDE TO CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS



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# CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION (C&D) DEBRIS - A WEIGHTY ISSUE

Waste is generated every time a building is constructed, remodelled, or demolished. Known as Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris, this waste often contains bulky, heavy materials, including concrete, wood, asphalt, gypsum, metals, bricks, and plastics. It also includes salvaged building components such as doors, windows, and plumbing fixtures.

C&D waste makes up between 30 and 40% of the total amount of solid waste that is created in Region 6 (comprising of the counties of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and West Hants)

Reducing C&D debris conserves landfill space and reduces the environmental impact of producing new materials. It can reduce the overall building project expenses through avoided purchase/disposal costs.

For information or help to reduce your impact contact Region 6 Solid Waste Management (354-3709) or your local Waste Reduction Coordinator.

## REDUCE

- Calculate and purchase only what you need, and use what you have before buying more.
- Avoid damaging materials before they are used. Schedule deliveries to reduce on-site storage time and potential damage.
- Buy products with less packaging.

## REUSE

- Used building material stores sell materials for construction and renovation projects. Materials and items are salvaged mostly from remodelling projects, pre-demolition salvage, **Freecycle** (<http://www.freecycle.org/>) is a website where individuals and business can give or get materials for free.
- Create a distribution network through your local building association for reusing building materials.

## RECYCLE

- Many building components can be recycled. **Wood** can be recycled into engineered-wood products like furniture and plastic-composite decks, as well as mulch, compost, and other products.
- **Metals**—including steel, copper, and brass—are also valuable commodities to recycle.
- **Cardboard packaging** is not classified as a C&D waste, although it is used in packaging from home building sites. Many markets exist for recycling this material and it is important to separate and recycle it.

Reducing the amount of C&D debris disposed of in landfills provides numerous benefits. Reducing, reusing, and recycling C&D debris offsets the need to extract and consume virgin resources. **In addition, generators of C&D debris benefit by saving money on tipping fees for properly sorted debris.**

