

## EXAMPLES



Waste material is not placed inside the dumpster allowing trash to blow around the site area and onto adjacent land. Trash is exposed to rain, which could wash pollutants into the drainage system.



Poor trash management. Polluted runoff from the site can contaminate streams and other bodies of water.

**Improper construction waste management can result in fines and other penalties. Keep your site clean.**

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# CONSTRUCTION WASTE



Construction waste consists of unwanted material produced directly or incidentally by construction.

## Overview:

- This includes building materials such as insulation, nails, electrical wiring, and rebar, as well as waste originating from site preparation such as dredging materials, tree stumps, and rubble.
- Construction wastes from demolitions may contain lead, asbestos, or other hazardous substances. Use caution when handling materials.
- Much building waste is made up of materials such as bricks, concrete, and wood, damaged or unused for various reasons during construction.
- Used latex paint should not be directly emptied into the dumpster. Air-dry paint before disposal.
- Dumpsters should always be covered when not in use to prevent pollutants from escaping.
- Proper signage should be used to identify the location of the dumpster.
- Dumpsters should be routinely emptied to prevent overflow of construction waste.

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Large pieces of construction waste should be broken down and placed inside the designated disposal dumpster. Material piled up in the background should also be placed in the dumpster.



Unused latex paint should be opened to air-dry before disposing into dumpster. Make sure paint is opened in a confined area and that there is no possibility that it could be spilled onto the ground or into or near the drainage system. It is illegal to dump or rinse paint into the stormwater system.

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Food and beverage containers are among the items considered construction waste.



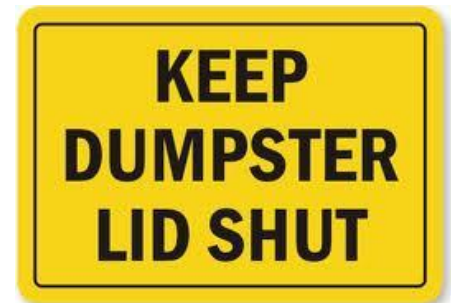
The EPA estimates that only 20% of construction and demolition debris waste is being recycled. Proper recycling can free up space within a dumpster and reduce the number of dumpsters needed.

**NOTE:** Limbs and woody debris collected from site clearing activities may only be burned when allowed by federal, states, and local regulations. Always check with the local fire marshal prior to any burning activity. It is never acceptable to burn anything other than woody debris that is completely free of glues, chemicals, and other man-made products.

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Majority of the construction waste is contained inside the dumpster. Liquids should never be emptied in the dumpster.



Dumpsters should be covered when not in use so pollutants inside the dumpster are not released during a rain event.