

Construction & Demolition Waste Diversion Bylaw

Planning and Development

General information

On June 20, 2022, Burnaby Council adopted a new Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion Bylaw No. 14461 that will require the diversion of construction and demolition waste, such as drywall, wood, or concrete, for all demolitions requiring permits from the City. Waste from the construction and demolition sector comprises the largest category of waste by weight sent to landfills in our region, with more than half of this waste being recyclable. The new bylaw supports regional diversion of these recyclable materials, aligns with the City's Climate Action Framework, and with regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets under Metro Vancouver's Climate 2050 Strategic Framework.

The new bylaw requires at least 70% of these waste materials be reused or diverted from landfills to proper recycling facilities. To provide applicants sufficient time to adapt to the new requirements and to adjust their practices, the bylaw will come into force for:

- » Multi-family and commercial building demolitions: October 1, 2022
- » Single family and two-family building demolitions: March 1, 2023

Applying for a demolition permit

An approved Waste Diversion Plan is required prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for Demolition. As part of your permit for demolition, you must:

- » submit a Waste Diversion Plan
- » pay a non-refundable \$250 Demolition Waste Permit Fee
- » pay a refundable Waste Diversion Deposit based on a rate of \$2.25 per square foot of the building being demolished (net square feet), with a maximum deposit of \$50,000 (provide copy of BC Assessment or other document to validate building size)

The waste diversion deposit will be refunded based on the recycling performance achieved.

If 70% diversion is achieved, the full waste diversion deposit will be refunded. The amount of refund is reduced proportionately if diversion is less than 70%.

After demolition

Upon completion of demolition, the applicant must submit the following documentation to the City within 90 days:

- » a Waste Diversion Compliance Report
- » copies of receipts, weight bills, etc. to verify the information provided in your Waste Diversion Compliance Report

For questions regarding this policy, please contact:

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