

San Jose has a unique 'Construction & Demolition Diversion' program, where the city collects a deposit when it grants a new construction permit. In order to reclaim the deposit, a contractor must demonstrate that 50% or more materials have been diverted.

SOUNDBITE: Stephen M. Bantillo, City of San Jose. "With our construction and demolition recycling program we charge a refundable deposit to encourage people to recycle their material or divert it from the landfill, which is what they need to do in order to get their deposit back. We do encourage salvage or reuse, we have a 'highest and best use' policy in San Jose, we try to provide as much information as we can to get people to salvage their materials. We provide information on our website, um, generally most of the people will want to use the local infrastructure to get their materials recycled because that's the easiest way for them to get their money back."

SOUNDBITE: Bob Gedert, C.O., City of Fresno Dept of Public Utilities. "We require all wastes from a construction site to go to a certified recycling facility. Although that's good news in maximum recovery of the material, occasionally you might get a 'hot load' of mixed materials-it might be hazardous materials or liquid waste of some sort that was un-anticipated and un-intended. In those situations, the certified recycling facilities have contracts via the City of Fresno with the local transfer station and local landfill that take the mixed-waste load off their hands."

SOUNDBITE: Gary Van Dorst, City of Redlands. "KB homes has chosen to work with the City as its exclusive hauler. When they utilize us for hauling, their taking advantage of our recycling incentives as a hauler, but it also makes their administration easier because at the end of the process, when they come to us for a certificate of occupancy, we have all the records, we've worked with them, we know they're in compliance, and that certificate of occupancy issued to them in a timely manner is worth money."

SOUNDBITE: Steve Gerard, KB Home. "For a company like KB Home, a big large company to be a part of the recycling program...they uh, give us incentives by using their roll-off containers and being a part of their recycling and also the administration process of occupancy is easier by using the program. We happen to be able to benefit from the recycled, uh, materials by using the mulch for the planter areas, uh, the fibers that go in the carpet, um, that's also recycled materials, uh, the framer, um, uses furring strips on the walls, uh, throughout the walls it's all recycled, um, paper, so the cardboard is being recycled and used in a different process."

SOUNDBITE: Bob Gedert, C.O., City of Fresno Dept of Public Utilities. "We're working through the City Manager's Office in development of, of construction contract language that will require all city projects, that, that under city contract to use recycled content material as well as reuse of material coming from the C & D, uh, program. Education of the developers and the haulers is, is key to the program- getting them to know the requirements of the rule and, uh, we have a poster here that's, that's posted at the development office as well as construction sites and, and at the transfer station and other locations that educates the developers and the haulers on the requirements of the C & D ordinance. We also have a service line insert to our customers-our billable customers, uh, that we, uh, insert every month and we have education through-out, uh, the year regarding our different programs including the C & D diversion program."

SOUNDBITE: Stephen M. Bantillo, City of San Jose. "One of the very unique things about our program is that it does so many things as it relates to the marketability of the materials, the economics, um, encouraging diversion, encouraging the growth of the infrastructure and the participation of our facility operators."