

Across California, Construction and Demolition, or C & D, materials make up a significant portion of our waste stream. Common C & D materials include wood, drywall, shingles, asphalt, metals, aggregate, masonry, brick, concrete, plastic, pipe, rocks, dirt, paper, cardboard, green waste related to land development, and carpet.

Signed into law in 2002, Senate Bill 1374 seeks to assist jurisdictions with diverting their C & D waste material. Taking action to reduce or reuse waste offers financial and environmental incentives.

Most C & D products can be recycled into new materials, thereby creating business opportunities and saving money for builders, contractors, and home renovators.

SOUND BITE: Noe R. Rivas, Habitat for Humanity, Restore manager. “We’re at the Orange County affiliate of habitat for Humanity and this is the Restore. This is where individuals, companies are willing to donate some of the materials that otherwise would go into a landfill...get a second chance to where somebody probably will come in and buy it, uh, at a fraction of the cost. Proceeds do go to fund the homes that we’re building, um, throughout our community, so it’s a great project, it eliminates the waste at the landfill and it gives an opportunity for people to buy things at a lower cost.”

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