



**Standard Operating Procedures:  
Contractor Construction Waste Management (CWM)  
General Construction Site Waste**

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## Scope

These procedures apply to the collection, handling, transportation and disposal of general construction waste by UVA staff, construction and demolition contractors, subcontractors and their employees working on UVA's behalf on projects that are not already covered by a Waste Management Plan. WMPs are required for all projects over \$3 million construction budget or smaller projects anticipated to generate significant amounts of demolition debris. Table 1 summarizes what wastes are managed according to this SOP.

## Responsibility

All UVA staff, contractors, subcontractors, and their employees are responsible for the proper temporary storage, containment, and disposal of all waste generated during construction and/or demolition and appropriate separation of this material. Personnel must follow the procedures outlined in this SOP and are responsible for maintaining waste disposal records.

This SOP is supplemented by a concise [toolbox training](#) for use at contractor tailgate meetings and for posting at designated project information locations. Visit the [UVA Environmental Resources website](#) for copies of relevant training materials.

General construction waste collection, handling, transportation and disposal is regulated by the DEQ Solid Waste Management regulations, 9 VAC 20- 81.

## Procedures

### 1. Siting Waste Storage Area(s)

- a. Where feasible, locate dumpsters away from the project boundary and sensitive receptors. Sensitive receptors may include air intakes, stormwater drop inlets, curb inlets, wetland areas, sensitive vegetation, and ponds, streams and other waterways.
- b. Locate waste storage areas away from critical pathways including pedestrian and vehicular access, overhead utilities, fire hydrants, and generators.
- c. Maintain adequate ingress/egress to storage areas to allow adequate loading of waste materials for removal from the site.
- d. Wherever feasible, place waste storage on an impervious surface. Where none is present, plastic sheeting can be used to provide an impervious surface for erodible or sensitive materials if needed.
- e. Use only designated storage/disposal areas for storage of segregated waste(s).

Table 1. General Construction Waste

General Construction Waste <sup>(1)</sup>	NOT General Construction Waste
Non-recyclable packing materials (e.g., Styrofoam, plastic wrapping, strapping/banding, etc.)	Compressed gas cylinders or aerosol canisters
Putrescible waste (e.g., food and other organic waste). Food-contaminated packaging.	Liquids of any kind (e.g., motor oil, refrigerants, lubricants, solvents, drywall mud, paint, water from cleaning tools or equipment, etc.)
“Household” Recyclable Materials (e.g., glass and plastic bottles, cardboard, aluminum cans, clean food packaging, etc.)	Construction and Demolition Debris (CDD) ( <a href="#">see SOP</a> )
Other non-hazardous construction site trash (e.g., nails, screws, fasteners, plastics, fabrics, etc.)	Hazardous wastes
Carpeting (e.g., non-ACM tiles, etc.)	Special wastes (e.g., asbestos and lead paint)
Empty/cured paint cans, solvent cans, caulking tubes, glues, drywall mud buckets.	Clean fill material ( <a href="#">see SOP</a> )
Cured paint wastes (e.g., brushes, rollers, drop cloth, roller/drip pans)	

Notes: General construction waste may also be referred to as Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).

## 2. Waste Segregation and Storage

- a. Ensure all waste generated is disposed of promptly in the correct waste container.
- b. The correct separation of general construction waste, construction and demolition debris (CDD) and clean fill material is a critical part of an appropriate waste management process. General construction waste must be collected separately from CDD and clean fill and must be placed in designated construction waste dumpsters.
- c. Light bulbs/lamps should be managed intact under all circumstances and should not be crushed for any reason. Bulbs/lamps should be segregated and stored for disposal in a designated container, which will prevent breakage, and in accordance with appropriate universal waste guidance. Contact UVA Recycling at 434-982-5050 with questions regarding bulb handling and storage.
- d. “Household recyclable materials” should be placed in recycling bins when available.
- e. Liquid containing cans/containers must be completely emptied of their contents by being thoroughly used or disposed separately as liquid waste by appropriate means.

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Residual materials should be dried/cured completely and disposed along with the container. This includes: paints, solvents, glues, caulk, gypsum mud, etc.

- f. Equipment containing fluids (e.g., spray application apparatus, piping/tubing/hoses, mixing equipment) must be fully drained of these products prior to disposal in general construction trash. In addition, equipment designated for disposal or recycling must have a tag placed on it that is signed and dated by a site supervisor or designated staff certifying that all fluids have been removed. Equipment which (once empty) can be recycled, such as window AC units, lawnmowers, etc., should be placed in recycling dumpsters rather than with general waste.
- g. No material covered under this SOP may be disposed of by being dumped down any storm sewer drain. In some cases, material within a certain pH range may be disposed of down the sanitary sewer with prior authorization from UVA Environmental Resources (ER). Contact ER for questions regarding proper handling or disposal of these waste materials. All employees and contractors must receive approval from ER at least one week in advance before dumping any material covered under this SOP down any sanitary sewer. ER may be reached at [storm-water@virginia.edu](mailto:storm-water@virginia.edu).
- h. Cover all dumpsters and waste containers at the end of every day or when not in active use. Dumpster covers may include hard covers provided by the contractor, tarps secured with cords or straps, or any reasonable means to protect the dumpster contents from exposure to rainwater. Smaller waste containers ("trash cans") placed throughout the site for daily use shall have lids which are kept on to prevent windblown trash, except when trash is being placed in the can.
- i. Ensure waste disposed of as general construction waste is solid waste and does not include hazardous or special wastes.
  - i. Hazardous wastes generated by the contractor will be managed by the contractor according to required Federal, State and local regulations. Hazardous waste management procedures shall be clearly defined in the contractor's Waste Management Plan (if applicable).
  - ii. The contractor will notify the University Project Manager/Construction Administration Manager (PM/CAM) upon discovery of a hazardous waste generated by UVA. The PM/CAM will contact UVA Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at 434-982-4911 for information on proper handling and disposal of the hazardous waste.
  - iii. Special wastes include asbestos containing materials (ACMs) and Lead-based Paint (LBP). These special materials should be managed according to the appropriate [University Policy](#). If suspect materials are discovered, contact UVA EHS at 434-982-4911.
  - iv. The contractor shall immediately notify the UVA PM/CAM and UVA Environmental Resources in the event petroleum contamination or potential hazardous waste is discovered comingled with general construction waste(s).

**3. Waste Storage Area Inspections**

- a. Routine inspections of waste storage areas should occur by contractor (or subcontractor) staff on a daily basis before the close of each workday. Allow sufficient time for implementing corrective measures as necessary.
- b. Waste disposal dumpsters should not be leaking. In particular, note and correct any leaking container before allowing transportation offsite. Immediately address any track-in/track-out of waste materials during load-out activity. Inspect storage areas before and after significant storm events.
- c. Inspectors should note any improper waste disposal which may include liquid wastes, hazardous waste, or CDD. Remove improper wastes to the appropriate storage area.
- d. Wastes should be confined to the limits of its container/area. There should be no overflowing waste.
- e. Inspect access, ingress/egress for any impedances.
- f. Dumpsters should be closed/covered at the end of each workday and particularly before any storm event.
- g. Whether during a formal inspection or not, correct waste management deficiencies when observed. If assistance is needed, report the deficiencies to the site supervisor or contractor management team.

**4. Waste Hauling to Off-Site Disposal Facility**

- a. General construction waste must be disposed at a licensed, permitted MSW landfill. The contractor is expected to maintain records of waste disposal invoicing and/or bill of lading for documentation to quantify off-site waste disposal.