

Greetings:

You may not know this but construction and demolition debris make up a large part of solid waste on the Pueblo of Laguna. The improper disposal of this kind of solid waste can have serious environmental impacts if not addressed. In our commitment to ensure the environmentally safe disposal of construction and demolition (“C&D”) debris, we are updating our disposal operations and policies to align with the requirements set forth in the Pueblo of Laguna Solid Waste Code, Regulations and Policies. The PoLUA will be implementing the following practices effective November 1, 2021.

Updated Procedure for the Safe Disposal of Construction and Demolition Debris

Effective November 1, 2021, PoLUA will be inspecting each load of C & D debris to determine if it is acceptable for disposal at the PoLUA Transfer Station. C&D debris must be separated according to Table 1 before debris will be accepted for disposal at the PoLUA Transfer Station site areas. A Solid Waste Agent will inspect each load to ensure items listed in Table 1 are separated properly and acceptable for disposal in the designed bins or site as listed below:

TABLE 1: TYPICAL C&D DEBRIS**

Project Category	Disposal Bin at the Transfer Station	C & D Disposal Area
Construction	Mixed wood, roofing, wall board, insulation, carpet, pipes, plastic and paper, windows, doors, glass, fixtures, stucco	Bricks, adobe, traditional rock, concrete - free from rebar, and cinder blocks - free from rebar
Demolition	Steel beams, wood, pipes	Rock, brick and concrete
Excavation	Wood	Earth, sand, stones
Roadwork	Asphalt, concrete, earth	Concrete – free from rebar and earth
Site Clearance	Mixed steel, paper, plastic	Trees, brush, earth, and sand

** Not all C&D debris will be acceptable for disposal if it contains asbestos, petroleum by-products, lead, or other hazardous or environmentally unsafe materials in accordance with the Pueblo’s Solid Waste Code, Regulations and C&D Policy.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) hazardous waste listed in Table 2 is not allowed to be mixed with C&D debris and will not be accepted at the Transfer Station.

TABLE 2: C&D DEBRIS NOT ALLOWED TO BE MIXED

Category	Types of C & D Waste
Materials used in construction and their containers	Adhesives and containers of adhesives, leftover paints and paint containers, roofing cement and cement cans
Waste oils, grease and fluids	Machinery lubricants, brake fluid, engine oil
Discrete items	Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, appliances

Inseparable constituents of bulk items	Formaldehyde present in carpet, treated or coated wood, asphalt
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Contractors, government programs, tribal entities and homeowners are responsible for the proper disposal of C&D debris from their projects. PoLUA is available to assist with different disposal alternatives for a construction or demolition project, such as information on rental or lease of bins at a construction site. Please reach out to PoLUA staff for assistance with this.

Tipping fees

In accordance with the PoLUA Tariff Fee Schedule, a \$20 fee will be charged for each load of C & D debris regardless of size or volume. For example, a load is considered as a truck bed or any size trailer. A truckbed and trailer is considered as 2 loads and will be charged \$40.

Please contact PoLUA at (505) 552-9631 for assistance or with questions about C&D debris disposal.