



# **Update on the Waste Diversion Requirements of the State's Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)**

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## **What is CALGreen?**

- **New Building Code Chapter Adding Specific Environmental Requirements**
- **Includes Measures for Water Efficiency, Site Selection, and Materials Efficiency**
- **Some Mandatory Measures and Many More Voluntary**
- **Mandatory Effective January 1, 2011**

# What Types of Construction Are Covered

- **Applies Only to New Construction**
  - **NOT: Additions, Alterations or Repairs**
- **Covered Occupancies Include:**
  - **Low-rise Residential (3 Stories or Less)**
  - **Most Public and Private Non-Residential**
  - **Most K-14 Schools**

# Contractor Requirements

- Sections 4.408 (Residential) and 5.408 (Non-residential)
- 50% Waste Diversion Requirement
  - **Or Meet Local Ordinance, Whichever is More Stringent**
- Requires Waste Management Plan
- Submit Documentation to Enforcing Agency

# Code Exceptions

- Jurisdictions with Existing C&D Ordinance
  - **No Plan Required (Sec. 4.408.2 and 5.408.2)**
- Isolated Jobsites (Sec. 4.408.2.2 and 5.408.2.2)
  - **Enforcing Agency Can Make Exceptions to Management Plan Requirements**
- Alternate Waste Reduction Methods (Sec. 4.408.1 or 5.408.3)
  - **If Diversion Facilities Do Not Exist**

# CALGreen and CalRecycle

- **NO AB 939 Annual Report Requirements**
  - **Jurisdictions Encouraged to Report Progress**
- **CALGreen Supersedes Lesser Local C&D Requirements**
  - **Only for New Construction**
  - **No Size or Value Thresholds**
- **CalRecycle Encourages Collaboration Between Recycling Coordinators/ Building Departments/ Builders**

# Resources

- **CalRecycle FAQ Webpage:**  
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/Library/CandDModel/Instruction/FAQ.htm>
- **Building Standards Commission, *Guide to the California Green Building Standards Code***
  - <http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/bsc/CALGreen/CALGreenGuideFirstEdition8-2010.pdf>
- **Department of housing and Community Development,**
  - [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/CALGreenGuide\\_COMPLETE\\_6-10.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/CALGreenGuide_COMPLETE_6-10.pdf)