

Construction & Demolition Policy Strategy 2022-2027

Vision

- C&D waste generators statewide have more incentives to divert their materials from the landfill through local policies or state-level legislation.
- Through its C&D Council and other advocacy, Recycle Colorado has supported the development of local policies that drives investment in processing infrastructure and new end market solutions. Emphasis is placed on promoting deconstruction over traditional demolition as a means of preserving value and better quality materials at end-of-life.
- A centralized recycling authority (Recycle Colorado/CDPHE/Circular Economy Center) has developed greater knowledge and data reporting of C&D waste generation, material flows, recovery rates, and infrastructure needs in Colorado to support appropriate C&D policy interventions.
- State government leads by example with C&D recovery goals, data collection, and other strategies to reduce waste on state construction projects.

2023

- C&D Policy Roadmap/Toolkit
 - Developed by C&D Council
 - Partner with CML to communicate around the state
 - Includes Class 4 shingles policy
- End market/recycling infrastructure guide for contractors
 - Developed by C&D Council as an educational tool (English + Spanish)
 - Maintained by Recycle Colorado or other entity

2024

- C&D Road Show
 - Visit local governments to advocate for local ordinances using resources developed in 2023
- Advocate Circular Economy Center has a C&D focus, does needs/gap assessment for C&D infrastructure and end markets
- Begin stakeholder process for future state C&D policy - landfills, contractor associations (AGC), local gov's, CDPHE
 - Need to shape viable policy options for CO

2025

- C&D Road Show
 - Visit local governments to advocate for local ordinances using resources developed in 2023
- Advocate Circular Economy Center has a C&D focus, does needs/gap assessment for C&D infrastructure and end markets
- Continue stakeholder engagement

2026

- Goal to have expanded C&D policy network in CO, more municipalities with C&D policies in place
 - Local level policies are seen as foundational to creating new infrastructure and end market capacity
- Continued stakeholder engagement

2027

- C&D Materials Landfill Ban
 - Restrict commonly recyclable materials from landfill disposal
 - Materials with established processing infrastructure and end uses
- C&D Landfill Surcharge (possible new idea)
 - Surcharge on C&D tipping fees to be collected and distributed to Circular Economy Center or other entity to advance infrastructure, end markets, research, policy development