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Question #13 – Construction and Demolition Debris

Dear Trash Talking Trish and Tabitha,

I am in the middle of renovating my house, and each week I have a pile of stuff that I want to dispose of, but am unsure how.

Things like light fixtures, light bulbs, flooring remnants, carpet, door knobs, faucets, electrical outlet receptacles, and the list goes on!

If these items fit, can I toss them in a garbage bag, or should I dispose of them another way?

What about empty paint cans? Can I recycle those?

Sincerely,

Debris Dilemma, Caledonia

Dear Debris Dilemma,

The items that you have listed above are mostly construction and demolition ('C&D') items that are actually D-I-V-E-R-T-I-B-L-E! Meaning that we have PROGRAMS to KEEP THEM OUT OF THE LANDFILL!

The majority of the items from your list are not curbside collectable items. The reason being is that curbside waste that gets picked up by Modern's garbage trucks actually goes straight to the Canborough Waste Management Facility (CWMF). The trucks get "tipped" so that all the garbage spills out onto the "tip floor" and then it is all scooped up and loaded into a 53' trailer where it gets transferred to the landfill.

BUT, the County does have the means to dispose of construction & demolition items properly, whether they be RECYCLED or DISMANTLED when taken to our Diversion Centre at the CMWF.

Here's your list in a nut shell, Debris:

Light fixtures Door knobs	If this item is plastic, place in the garbage. If this item is metal, take to the CWMF for free, located at 499 James Road, Dunnville.
Light bulbs	Compact fluorescent bulbs/tubes contain a small amount of mercury and must be taken to a retailer that has a "Take Back" program or to one of our household hazardous waste days. All other types of light bulbs can go in the garbage.

Electrical outlet receptacles Faucets Flooring remnants i.e. ceramic tile, hardwood, marble, cork, bamboo	Take to the CWMF for the C&D bin.
Flooring remnants i.e. laminate, carpet, linoleum	These are acceptable in curbside Bulky Collection. Must prebook with Modern at 1-844-624-3126.
Empty paint cans	Place in the BLUE BOX. Plastic and metal paint cans with a thin layer of residual dry paint are accepted. Remove the lid.

In order to save landfill space each of us really has to a) do our homework and b) do our part to put waste in it's proper place! Debris, if you stumble upon other items, don't hesitate to go to our website and use the *WHAT GOES WHERE?* search tool.

Well folks, keep 'em coming! Please download the Recycle Coach App for recycling and garbage information. And for others, please feel free to send them to our NEW email address: waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca!

Sincerely,
 Trash Talking Trish & Tabitha