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#### **DOE's Waste Reduction Network:**

- Open to all existing Better Plants partners
- Goals are flexible
- Six goal options based on partner feedback
- Quarterly webinars
- Bi-monthly newsletter
- Access to new waste-related tools, trainings and programmatic elements

#### **Waste Goal Options**







# Waste Virtual INPLT Agenda

- Week 1 (April 25<sup>th</sup>) Introduction: Waste Diversion and Reduction 101
- Week 2 (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) How to Effectively Track and Measure Your Waste
- Week 3 (May 9<sup>th</sup>) Source Reduction and Waste Minimization Techniques
- Week 4 (May16<sup>th</sup>) Finding Outlets for Hard to Manage Waste Streams
- Week 5 (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) Construction Waste Management and Green Building Certifications
- Week 6 (May 30<sup>th</sup>) Scope 3 Emission Considerations
- Week 7 (June 6<sup>th</sup>) Implementation of a Waste Diversion Program Developing a Roadmap to Zero Waste
- Week 8 (June 13<sup>th</sup>) Conclusions, Summaries, and Wrap up Presentations





#### Plan of Action



#### Today, we will:

- Review the previous training
- Discuss the homework
- Lecture on today's topic,
   "Construction Waste
   Management and Green
   Building Certifications"
- Test your knowledge with a Kahoot! quiz
- Conduct a Q&A session





## Takeaways

#### Today, you will learn:

- How to handle construction and demolition waste
- How to develop a construction and demolition waste management plan
- The relationship between construction and demolition waste management and green building







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# Session 4 Review: Which of the following materials are not acceptable by a cement kiln? Select all that apply.

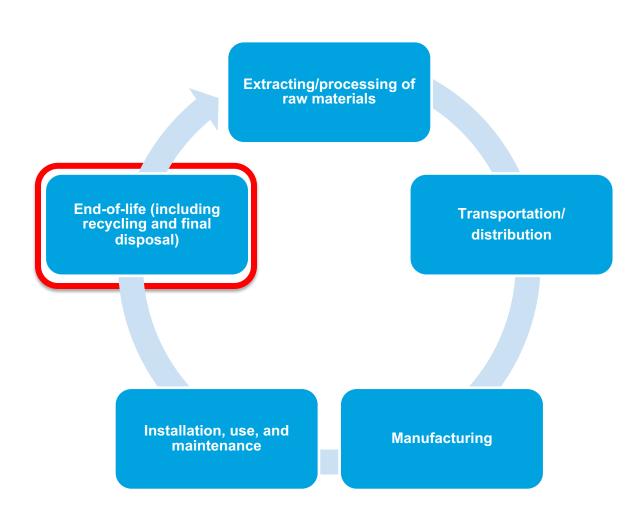
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**Answer:** Metal and Glass





# **Review:** Finding Outlets for Hard to Manage Waste Streams



- A hard to manage waste stream is different for every company and site
- Do not just rely on local municipalities to handle waste streams
- Consider LCA thinking when considering waste outlets





# **Homework Discussion**



## Homework Takeaways

#### **Overview**

 Consider waste streams related to ongoing or previous construction or renovation projects and whether they were diverted from landfill. Identify strategies to include in a construction and renovation plan to divert more waste in the future.

#### **Takeaways**

- In some cases, requirements for handling and diverting waste were provided when contracts were won, and in others, it was up to MMOs to provide a plan to win the contract
- Diversion requirements varied by company
  - Some had policies regarding diversion and others did not
  - Many companies focus on a few key materials to divert

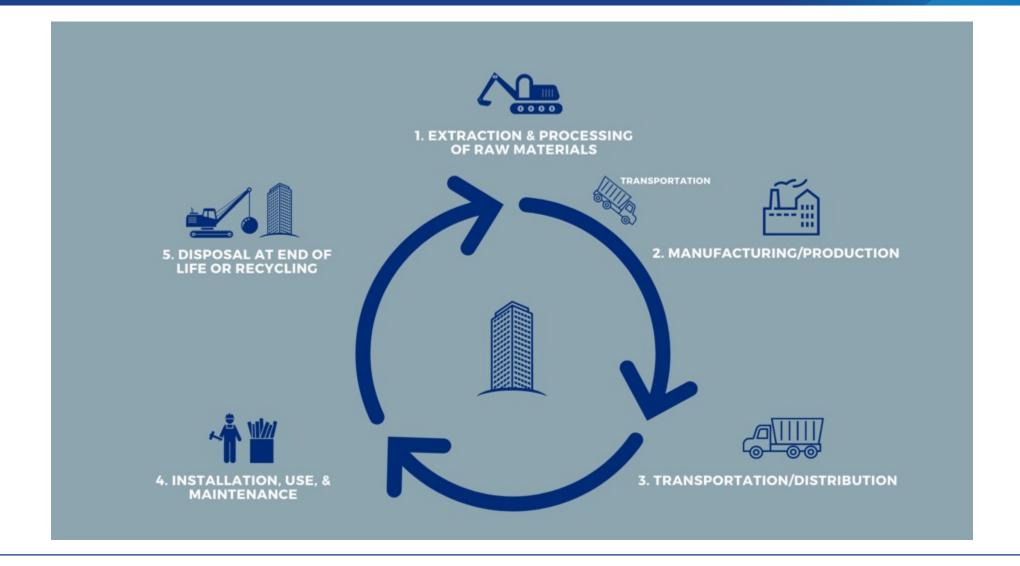




# Today's Topic: Construction Waste Management and Green Building Certifications



# Life Cycle of a Building



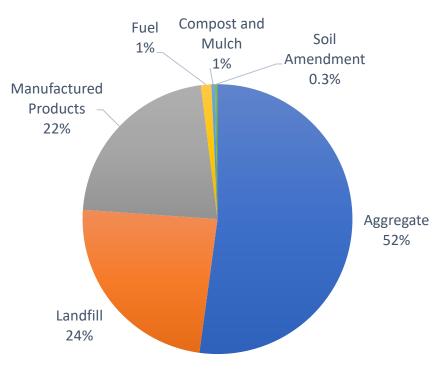




#### Construction and Demolition Waste Facts

- 600 million tons of C&D waste were generated in the US in 2018, twice the amount of MSW
- Over 455 million tons of C&D debris were diverted and 145 million tons were sent to landfills
- 90% of the waste was generated from demolition
- 10% of the waste was generated from construction

# Construction and Demolition Waste by Outlet



**EPA Source** 





# Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plans



# **Question:** What are some current practices to plan for or manage construction and demolition waste at your company?

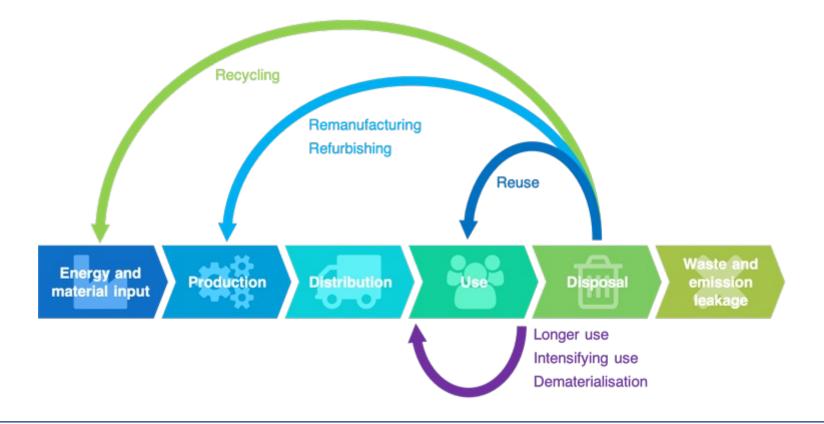
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#### **C&D Plan Overview**

The base goal or structure of any C&D plan should be focused on reducing waste going to landfill and maximizing recyclability of materials

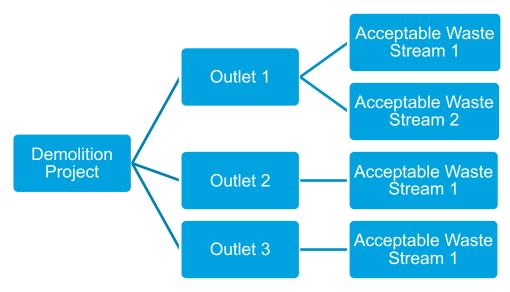






#### **C&D Plan Overview**

- A C&D waste management plan must be project specific
- The waste management plan should reflect the builder's expectations for waste management and diversion including:
  - Anticipated waste streams
  - Waste diversion targets
  - Acceptable waste handling and diversion strategies
  - Acceptable end-of-life scenarios for various materials
  - Reporting criteria and frequency
  - Identification of MMOs
  - Contractor training and communication with subcontractors







### **C&D** Specifications

- Establish construction specification which includes considerations for waste handling, segregation, and diversion
  - Provide this to any potential MMOs or contractors to ensure they can comply
  - Language should clearly define expectations and/or acceptable methods for diversion, materials handling, segregation, and acceptable end-of-life for materials, as well as tracking and reporting
- Provide comprehensive list of materials and acceptable outlets







## Example C&D Specifications

#### Plan Requirements

- Develop and implement Construction and Waste Management Plan and have it be accepted by Owner
  - Note: Can specify that this plan align with specific a green building standard

#### Intent:

- Divert construction, demolition, and land clearing debris from landfill
- Redirect recyclable materials back to manufacturing process
- Generate cost savings or increase costs minimally for Project waste disposal

#### Performance Requirements

- Divert a minimum 75% by weight of construction waste materials for duration of Project through resale, recycling, or adaptive reuse
- General Contractor
  - Implement Construction and Waste Management Plan
  - Distribute Construction and Waste
     Management Plan to all subcontractors
  - Oversee and document results
  - Review with Owner
- Maintain orderly arrangement of collection area with materials clearly separated to avoid co-mingling





# Question: What are typical waste materials generated by construction and demolition projects?

Please type your answer in the chat





## Example List of Materials to Include in Specifications

#### **Materials suggested for recycling:**

- Packing materials
  - Cardboard
  - Pallets
  - Films
  - Paper
- Recyclable plastics
- Organic plant debris
- Earth materials
- Native stone and granular fill
- Asphalt and concrete paving
- Masonry
- Concrete
- Metals
  - Steel
  - Piping
  - Copper Wiring
- Gypsum products
- Acoustical ceiling tile and grid
- Flooring products

- Insulation
- Cabinets
- Plumbing fixtures
- Mechanical equipment
- Equipment oil
- Electrical conduit
- Lamps
- Lighting fixtures
- Ballasts
- Electrical devices
- Glass
- Wood
  - Studs
  - Lumber
  - Plywood
  - Wood sheet materials and trim
- Roofing

#### Materials suggested for adaptive reuse:

- Concrete and crushed concrete
- Masonry units
- Lumber suitable for re-sawing or refinishing
- Casework and millwork
- Doors and door frames
- Windows
- Window glass and insulating glass units
- Hardware
- Acoustical ceiling tile
- Equipment and appliances
- Fluorescent light fixtures
- Plumbing fixtures
- Cabinets





# Question: After viewing the materials list, what materials or groups of materials has your company not had diversion consideration for?

Please type your answer in the chat





# Identify The Right Outlet

- Work with MMOs who will segregate waste for you
- State criteria for segregation and acceptable means of diversion, waste tracking and reporting in the contract/provided specifications
- Express if there is interest or plans to pursue green building certification







# C&D Waste Management Tracking

- Internally establish plans for recording C&D waste data
  - Should this data be recorded separately from typical onsite waste?
    - If construction is regularly occurring, perhaps not
  - Should C&D waste influence waste diversion and minimization goals?
- Continue MMO coordination and follow-up
  - Receive monthly reports which should include:
    - Description of materials
    - Whether or not the material was diverted from landfill
    - Diversion method, if applicable
    - Amount of waste generated
    - Hauler or destination
    - Pick-up date







### **Pre-Construction Meeting**

- Conduct a group meeting prior to the start of construction or demolition
- Discuss Construction and Waste Management Plan details
- Establish goals, expectations, lines of communication, timelines, etc.







## Contractor Training

- Train and communicate waste handling and diversion expectations to all subcontractors
  - Any new subcontractors brought onsite should undergo training
- Inform violators of C&D waste management policies







## Onsite C&D Waste Management Planning



# Consider the following prior to starting construction

- Anticipate waste streams
  - When a stream will be generated
  - Estimated volume
  - Condition of the waste
- Contact material management organizations (MMOs)
  - Determine what waste streams each outlet will take
- Plan for waste collection area(s)
  - Generate signage
- Train and establish expectations for contractors
- Establish diversion rate goal





# **Poll:** How far in advance of construction starting should C&D waste management planning begin?

Please respond to the Zoom poll

**Answer:** At the beginning of the design process and when the general contractor is brought on





## Onsite C&D Waste Handling Best Practices

- Establish a designated waste collection area
- Provide clear signage for each waste stream
  - Ensure signs will not be removed with dumpster pickup
- Cover dumpsters (if necessary)
- Ensure regular pickups for dumpsters
- Regularly monitor waste segregation



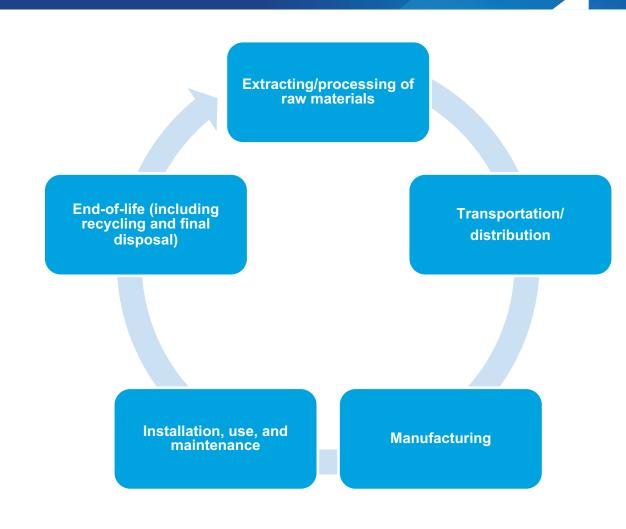




## Installer Training

# Construction waste considerations can go beyond your site

- Train installers on waste minimization and diversion
  - What materials (if any) can be returned to the supplier for use as recycled content in new products
  - How to reduce scrap during installation
  - Importance of waste segregation
  - Outlets for commonly generated waste streams
  - What types of questions to ask site contact regarding waste collection







# **Construction and Demolition Waste Minimization and Diversion**



#### **Construction Waste Management**



#### **Best Practices – Source Reduction**

- Source reduction reduces life-cycle material use, energy use, and waste generation
- Examples of source reduction for C&D waste:
  - Preserving existing buildings
  - Optimizing the size of new buildings
  - Designing new buildings for adaptability to prolong useful lives
  - Using construction methods that allow disassembly and reuse



#### **Preserve existing buildings**

- Renovations generate less waste than demolition and construction
- Consider if aspects of the current building are preservable
  - Is the structure in good shape but the interior needs work?
  - Can we rethink what the new building "needed" to look or be shaped like?
  - Is part of the building usable but another is not?











#### Optimizing the size of new buildings

- Does the building need to be as large as its being designed to be?
  - Are there extras or amenities that can be removed?
    - If break rooms are centralized, can the building be smaller?
- Are we going to have as many people onsite as we planned?
  - Will many people be working remotely full or part-time?







#### Design new buildings for adaptability to prolong useful lives

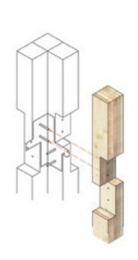
- Can we make a smaller building now, but create a design that will lend itself to additions later?
- Design adaptable space
  - Flat, open concept floor plans will lend themselves to flexibility in design than broken out floor plans
    - Non-load bearing partitions
  - Increase floor-to-floor heights
- Plan when choosing equipment
  - Oversize mechanical systems in initial design
    - Will allow for adaptability for future renovations
  - Install extra electrical panels and breakers
  - Accommodate future needs in computers and technology
    - Outlets, server rooms, etc.





# Use construction methods that allow disassembly and reuse

- Establish interest in disassembly methodology when meeting with architects
- Plan the deconstruction of the building while designing
- Choose materials that are durable and highly recyclable
- Utilize unique connection methods
  - Use bolt, screw, or nailed connections
  - Do not bond or create permanent connections









# Question: Has anyone's company undergone construction or renovations and considered the presented strategies?

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## **Construction Waste Management**



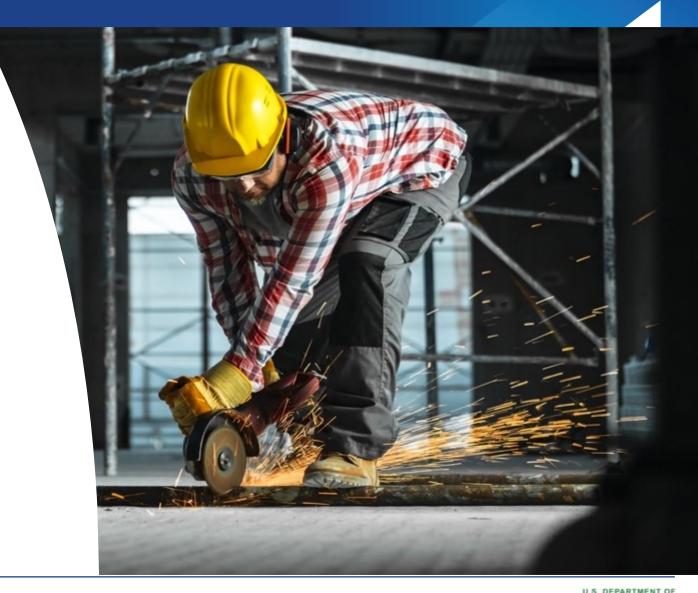
## **Best Practices – Diversion of Materials**

- Diverting materials not only keeps materials out of landfill, but also reduces life-cycle material use
- Examples of material diversion of C&D waste:
  - Reusing materials
  - Recycling materials
  - Establishing circularity
    - Using recycled materials



## **Anticipated Wastes**

- Construction and Demolition waste often contains bulky and heavy materials such as:
  - Wood
  - Metals
  - Concrete
  - Asphalt
  - Masonry
  - Gypsum
  - Plastics
  - Other salvaged building components





## Best Practices – Reusing C&D Materials

# Deconstruction is the process of carefully dismantling buildings to salvage components for reuse and recycling

- Determine which materials could be reusable elsewhere and identify outlets prior to beginning deconstruction
- Recovering used, but still valuable C&D materials for further use saves natural resources







## Best Practices – Reusing C&D Materials - Examples

- Examples of Reusing C&D materials
  - Easy-to-remove items
    - Doors, hardware, appliances, fixtures, flooring
  - Wood
  - Masonry such as brick, pavers, or stone
  - Packaging materials
    - Can be returned to suppliers for reuse







## Best Practices – Reusing C&D Materials

- Recall points from earlier in the session...
  - Planning is critical
    - Anticipate reusable materials
    - Communication and training contractors
    - Coordinating with MMOs
  - Site segregation
    - Establish collection areas
    - Provide clear signage







## Best Practices – Recycling C&D Materials

## Many building components can be recycled where markets exist

- Review expected materials and establish connections with possible outlets
  - Asphalt, concrete, and rubble can be turned into aggregate or new asphalt and concrete products
  - Wood can be converted into engineered-wood products (furniture or mulch)
  - Metals including steel, copper, and brass remelted into new products
  - Brick, concrete, and masonry can be recycled on site as fill or subbase material
    - Can have a mobile concrete mill onsite
- Ask recyclers questions about compliance and/or third-party certification to ensure proper and intended management of materials





## Best Practices – Recycling Equipment

- Many equipment and components can be recycled
- There are companies which will purchase old equipment for resale
  - Everything from motors to PLCs



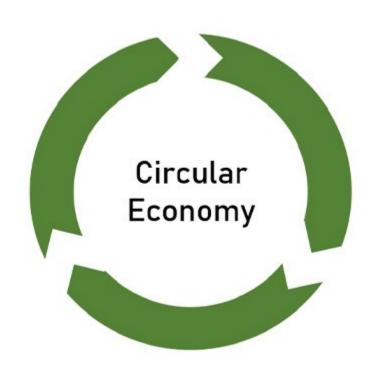




## Best Practices – Establishing Circularity

# Used construction materials increases circularity and reduces life-cycle material use

- Buying used C&D materials and recycled content products for use in new construction can:
  - Boost local economy
  - Lower construction and renovation costs while maintaining building function and performance
  - Ensure materials collected from reuse/recycling will be used again in the making of new products or construction
  - Preserve local architectural character and historic significance







## Best Practices – Establishing Circularity

- Many building materials can be recycled into new products
- Establish connection with suppliers to understand if they have a takeback program for any materials
  - Could include materials existing in the building (such as ceilings, walls, insulation, etc.) or scrap from installing new products







## Establishing Circularity – Roofing and Ceiling

- Roofing material takeback programs
  - GAF and Owens Corning
    - Shingle takeback program under development
- Ceiling takeback programs
  - USG Corporation Ceilings
  - Armstrong Ceilings
  - CertainTeed
  - Saint-Gobain
    - France only program as of now

Here's how the RoofCycle™ Process works:



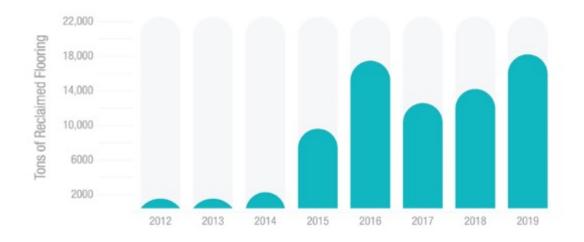




# Establishing Circularity— Flooring, Gypsum Wallboard, and Insulation

- Flooring takeback programs
  - Armstrong
  - Tarkett
- Gypsum wallboard takeback programs
  - USG Corporation Gypsum
- Insulation takeback programs
  - CertainTeed
  - Knauf Insulation
  - Owens Corning

Tons of reclaimed flooring from <u>Armstrong's</u> On&On™ program



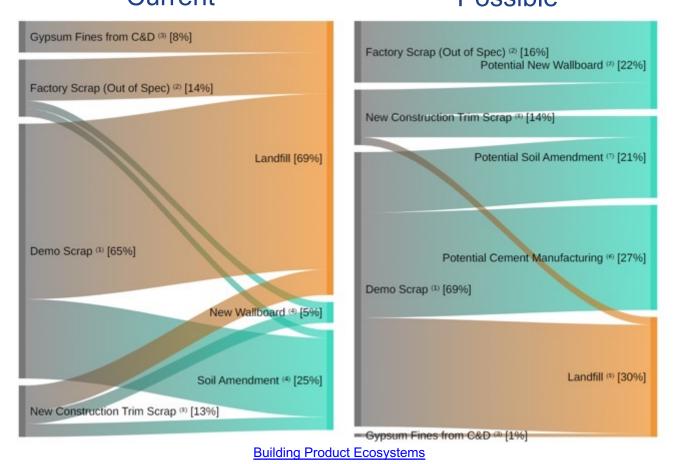




## Gypsum Wallboard Waste Diversion

The potential future of gypsum wallboard waste diversion

Current Possible







# Poll: Which of the following would not be a C&D source reduction technique?

Please respond to the Zoom poll

**Answer:** Coordinating with MMOs





# Construction Waste Management and Green Building



## An Introduction to Green Building

## Why do we care about green buildings if we are focusing on waste?

- Many companies are using green building standards to assist with meeting carbon reduction goals
  - Companies are doing critical reviews of their buildings and are working to reduce carbon footprints within them
  - When companies require green building standards, credit requirements for the standards become internal procedures as well
    - All major green building standards have considerations related to waste either for construction sites or within facilities





## **Poll:** What does LEED stand for?

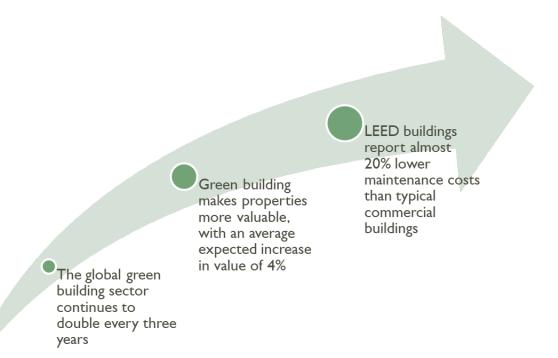
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Answer: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design





## An Introduction to Green Building



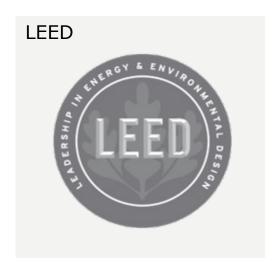
- Maximize efficiency to improve building performance and reduce operating costs
- In the U.S., buildings account for almost 40% of CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions and out-consume the industrial and transportation sectors

**Statistic Source** 





## Major Green Building Standards











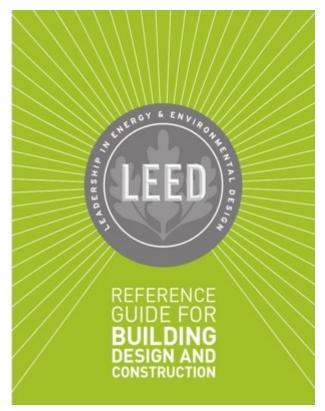


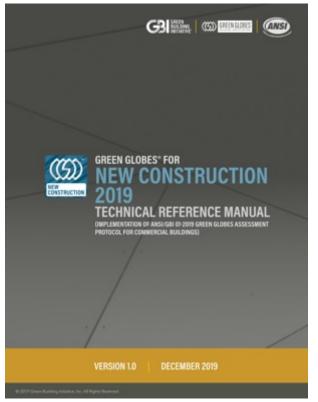




## An Introduction to Green Building

Each standard has a reference guide establishing the criteria to meet for various credits or credit categories







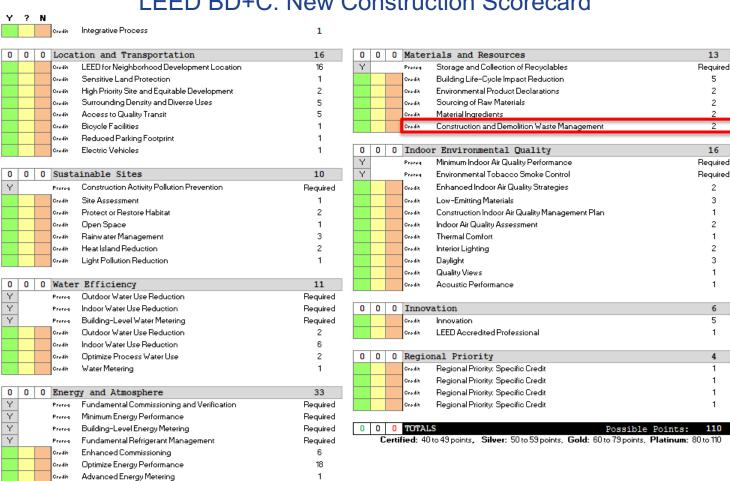






## An Introduction to Green Building

#### LEED BD+C: New Construction Scorecard



- Each green building standard will have a scorecard or checklist outlining the various credits available to fulfill
  - Completion of all credits is not necessary
- Most standards have certifications for different building types or situations



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## Construction Waste Management

- Credit requirements vary by green building standard and certification pursued:
  - In general, they require
    - Establishment of a plan
    - Documentation of waste streams
      - Tracking of volumes and verification of diversion
- Note that specific requirements may exist which influence the way waste is sorted, tracked, and diverted
  - Example: LEED has requirements related to comingled dumpsters
    - Haulers must be certified as a commingled facility
      - Commingled facilities which are certified sort and weigh materials, others may just do a visual inspection and provide estimates, which is not deemed as accurate enough





#### 

Areas used: Worldwide

Common in: United States

Prerequisites: Yes

Categories covered:

Location and Transportation (LT)

Sustainable Sites (SS)

Water Efficiency (WE)

Energy and Atmosphere (EA)

Materials and Resources (MR)

Indoor Environmental Quality (EQ)

Innovation (IN)

Regional Priority (RP)

Levels of Certification

110 points possible

Ranges from Certified (40 pts), Silver (50 pts), Gold (60 pts), Platinum (80+ pts)



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Over 1.7 billion m<sup>2</sup>

Over 90,000 projects

167 countries

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# Construction and Demolition Waste Management Credit

#### Prerequisite (in v4, not v4.1)

- Develop and implement a construction and demolition waste management plan which includes:
  - Diversion goals and strategies
  - Approximate diversion percentage

#### Credit Requirements

- Recycle and/or salvage nonhazardous construction and demolition materials
  - Points rewarded based on diversion rate
    - Divert 50% and three material streams (1 point)
    - Divert 75% and four material streams (2 points)
- Prevent waste through source reduction design techniques
  - Generate less than 2.5 lb/square foot





#### Other Relevant LEED Credits

- Building Design and Construction (BD+C) and Interior Design and Construction (ID+C)
  - Construction and demolition waste management planning
  - Construction and demolition waste management
- Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance (EBOM)
  - Facility maintenance and renovation policy
  - Solid waste management facility maintenance and renovation
- Cities and Communities (C+C)
  - Construction and demolition waste management





#### Other Waste-Related Credits in LEED

- BD+C
  - Storage and collection of recyclables
  - Circular products (pilot credit)
    - Recognizes zero-waste to landfill facilities
- O+M
  - Ongoing purchasing and waste policy
  - Solid waste management ongoing
- ID+C
  - Storage and collection of recyclables
- **■** C+C
  - Solid waste management
  - Organic waste treatment
  - Recycling infrastructure
  - Smart waste management systems







## Green Globes®

Areas used: North America

Common in: United States

Prerequisites: No

Categories covered:

Project Management

- Site
- Energy
- Water Efficiency
- Materials
- Indoor Environment
- Levels of Certification
  - 1,000 points possible
  - Ranges from One (≥35%), Two (≥55%), Three (≥70% of pts), or Four (≥85%) Green Globes



Over 46.5 million m<sup>2</sup>

Over 3,000 projects

80 countries

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## WELL®

Areas used: Worldwide

Common in: United States

Prerequisites: Yes

Categories covered:

AirThermal Comfort

WaterSound

NourishmentMaterials

LightMind

MovementCommunity

#### Levels of Certification

110 points possible

 Ranges from Silver (50 pts), Gold (60 pts), Platinum (80+ pts)



Over 139 million m<sup>2</sup>

Over 32,000 projects

98 countries

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### BREEAM®

Areas used: Worldwide

Common in: United Kingdom

Prerequisites: Yes

Categories covered:

Management

Health and Wellbeing

Energy

Transport

Water

Materials

Waste

Land Use and Ecology

Pollution

Innovation

Levels of Certification

 Weighted categories, certification level based on percentage of credits completed

Ranges from Pass (>30%), Good (>45%), Very Good (>55%), Excellent (>70%) and Outstanding (>85%)



Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology

Over 78 million m<sup>2</sup>

Over 599,000 projects

93 countries

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#### HQE™

Areas used: Worldwide

Common in: France

Prerequisites: Yes

Categories covered:

Energy

Environment

Health

Comfort

Levels of Certification

Star system, 16 total stars (4 stars per theme)

Ranges from HQE Pass (no stars, all prerequisites),
 HQE Good (1-4 stars), HQE Very Good (5-8 stars),
 HQE Excellent (9-11 starts), and HQE Exceptional (12+ stars)



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Over 59 million m<sup>2</sup>

Over 380,000 projects

Over 24 countries

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## DGNB System

Areas used: Worldwide

Common in: Germany

Prerequisites: Yes

Categories covered:

Management

Environmental Quality (ENV)

Economic Quality (ECO)

Sociocultural and Functional Quality (SOC)

Technical Quality (TEC)

Process Quality (PRO)

Site Quality (SITE)

Levels of Certification

Weighted categories and credits

Ranges from Silver (≥50%), Gold (≥65%), and Platinum (≥80%)



German Sustainable Building Council

Over 57.5 million m<sup>2</sup>

5,000 projects

29 countries

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#### **Construction Waste Credits**

- Green Globes
  - Reuse of existing structures and materials
  - Construction waste
- BREEAM
  - Construction waste management
  - Use of recycled and sustainably sourced aggregates
- HQE
  - Optimizing the worksite's waste management
- DGNB
  - Low-waste construction site













#### Other Waste-Related Credits

- Green Globes
  - Post occupancy solid waste recycling
  - Supply chain waste minimization
- WELL
  - Waste management
- BREEAM
  - Operational waste
- HQE
  - Optimizing the recycling of operational waste
  - Quality of the activity operational waste management system
- DGNB
  - Flexibility and adaptability
  - Ease of recovery and recycling















## **Closing Remarks**



- Summary
  - Creating a C&D waste management plan
    - Anticipate waste streams
    - Communicate with MMOs and contractors
  - Minimizing and Diverting C&D waste
    - Utilize source reduction techniques in building design
    - Segregate divertible waste streams
  - Green building certifications are becoming the norm and so are their requirements
- Homework!
- Next training
  - Scope 3 Emission Considerations
  - May 30, 2023



#### Homework Overview

- Homework will:
  - Engage participants in the topics to be discussed in the following session
  - Serve as a guide for waste diversion and minimization
- If a homework is completed, please send to presenter, Nick, at <u>nick@sustainablesolutionscorporation.com</u>
  - Please use the subject "Better Plants Session # Homework: Complete Company Name"
  - Participants will be asked to share their learnings and experiences in session 8, and if you would like to participate in this, please reach out to Nick





#### Homework Review

#### **Assignment**

- 1. Create a list of the waste streams, their, weights, and their end-of-life scenarios. Input this data into the EPA's WARM tool.
- 2. Review the results from the tool and note the streams that contributed most to total emissions.
- 3. Describe if the largest contributors to the emissions total was surprising. Furthermore, consider and describe if the influence of any other waste streams were surprising.
- 4. Review a detailed breakdown of the emissions contributions per waste stream and see if any changes to Question 3 occur.

**Bonus:** Input data into the alternative management scenario and comment on the changes to the emissions total.

#### Goal

- To engage a participant in the process of estimating carbon footprint of wastes.
- Through calculating emissions, a participant may realize how important minimizing and diverting materials is.





## Kahoot!

Quiz link:



## Q&A

