

Debris Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is the Debris Assistance Program (DAP)?

The City of San Diego Debris Assistance Program (DAP) provides debris management services at no-cost to eligible flood-impacted properties within the City of San Diego affected by the Jan. 22, 2024 storm. The program will provide a no-charge container (dumpster or roll-off) at the impacted property for proper handling, processing, recycling and/or disposal for storm-related trash and construction and demolition waste. The City also will continue to offer no-cost Household Hazardous Waste handling and proper disposal/recycling at eligible addresses.



Available Trash + Construction & Demolition Containers:

- Dumpsters: 3-cubic yards (trash only)
- Rolloffs: 10-, 20- and 40-cubic yards

Container Pick-up Frequency:

Depends on the need of your project and can be scheduled. ESD will help set this up for on-call pickup or a regular frequency.

Below are approximate sizes for each one:

DUMPSTERS		3 cubic yard – Dimensions: 6'2" L x 4' W x 4'6" H
ROLLOFFS		10 cubic yard – Dimensions: 16'6" L x 8' W x 2' H 20 cubic yard – Dimensions: 14'6" L x 8' W x 7' H 40 cubic yard – Dimensions: 22' L x 8' W x 7' H

2. How do I request a dumpster or roll-off container?

Please first check if there's already a City-provided large roll-off container on your street for you and your neighbors to use and share.

If a container is not there, please contact the City's Environmental Services Department at 858-694-7000 or DAP@sandiego.gov to request service. **You will need to provide your street address, phone number and the amount of debris for this request.**

3. When will I hear back about my container request?

We will process a request in 24-48 hours Monday through Friday. If service is requested Saturday or Sunday, we will process on the following Monday, and container(s) should arrive 24-48 hours thereafter.

4. Why is the DAP being offered?

The City of San Diego is helping to make construction and demolition debris removal safer, easier and faster for residents and businesses to support quick recovery from the Jan. 22, 2024 storm.



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5. What is accepted and not accepted in the containers?

Accepted Materials:

- Trash: Household garbage, furniture and treated wood.
- Construction & Demolition: Building materials, concrete, drywall, carpeting, lumber, metals, insulation, pipes, masonry, cardboard, ceramic tile and industrial plastics.

Unaccepted Materials in Any Container:

- Household Hazardous Waste (see examples below), appliances, electronics, tires and water heaters.

6. What do I do with my Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW should not be placed in any trash, recycling and construction and demolition container due to the hazardous nature of the material. HHW should be disposed of properly by contacting the City's HHW Program.

If you are located in a flood-impacted area and are unable to transport HHW to the City's Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility, we will make arrangements for the City's hazardous waste contractor to remove the HHW directly from your home. Call 858-694-7000 or use the Get It Done app to schedule a drop-off appointment with the HHW Transfer Facility or to schedule a door-to-door service, if needed.

HHWs include products used in the routine maintenance of your home, yard or vehicle. These products are labeled with words such as "Danger," "Warning," "Caution," "Poison," "Flammable" or "Corrosive" and include, but are not limited to, the following examples: aerosols, latex/oil paints, antifreeze, lightbulbs, batteries (rechargeable and single use), pesticides, auto fluids, pool chemicals, propane tanks (less than 30 gallons), disinfectants, solvents, fertilizer, used oil and oil filters, medications (not including controlled substances) and contaminated sharp objects such as needles or syringes.

Accepted Materials		Unaccepted Materials
<p>Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling Building materials, concrete, drywall, carpeting, lumber, metals, insulation, pipes, masonry, cardboard, ceramic tile and industrial plastic</p>	<p>Trash Household garbage, furniture and treated wood</p>	<p>Hazardous waste, appliances, electronics, tires and water heaters</p>

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