



Deconstruction Application

The County of San Mateo Office of Sustainability (OOS) has contracted with The ReUse Institute to train workers in the art and science of building deconstruction and would like to use your house for on-the-job training.

Consider deconstruction over demolition! The OOS is offering to deconstruct your house as much as possible and will pay for the training, meaning you will not have to pay for the labor to deconstruct. In addition, you may also receive a tax-deductible donation for the materials salvaged from your project. You can watch a video of the last training at <https://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/construction-demolition/>.

Through their contract with The ReUse Institute, the OOS will pay for the cost of deconstruction training including:

- Paying the trainer – a licensed and insured California contractor
- All labor costs
- Ensuring the process is well documented including pictures, inventories, donation papers and forms
- All power and hand tools
- Safety training

There are a few costs which you will have to pay for even if you chose demolition:

- Demolition/deconstruction permit
- Hazardous materials testing, and if present, their abatement
- Utility disconnects and temporary water and electric service
- Removal of concrete, asphalt, and any other hardscape such as driveways and walkways
- Security fencing
- Tree protection and erosion control
- Portable toilets, hand-wash stations, etc.

Selection Criteria

- Your project must be a full deconstruction (not a remodel) of a single-family residence including garage (if any) which is no larger than 1600 square feet
- The project must be ready for deconstruction between May and October
- A visual inspection and approval of the project by our trainer

OOS will only conduct two of these projects so don't wait to submit your project for review and evaluation!

Applicant's name: _____ Owner's name: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Contact email: _____

Building permit number: _____ Date the permit will be ready: _____

Contractor (if applicable): _____ Contact phone number: _____

Project description: _____

Project square footage: _____

Submit this form to sustainability@smcgov.org.

Contact Information:

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