



# Construction and Demolition Waste Rules In a Nutshell

*For many years, construction debris, or malba, was not considered a waste type. In fact, it has caused enormous air pollution in the form of dust and particulate matter, which has made the soil sterile and unable to nurture life, and rendered acres of land un-usable. However, it can also be put to very productive use, and recycled. At a time when India is urbanizing with rapidly increasing construction activities and sand-mining from rivers is a severe environmental menace, recycling malba is the way forward. These Rules guide us in that direction. The broad pathway for malba is to ensure it is channelized towards recycling plants and not dumped. For that reason, every actor's role is key. A summary of duties:*



## Waste Generator

- Every waste generator shall be responsible for collection, segregation and storage of construction and demolition of generated waste.
- Waste generators who generate more than 20 tons or more in one day, or 300 tons per project in a month shall segregate the waste into streams of: concrete, soil, steel, wood, plastics, bricks and mortar. Moreover, a waste management plan should be submitted and get appropriate approvals from the local authority before starting construction, demolition or remodeling work. They must keep the concerned authorities informed.



## Local Authorities

- Including municipalities, shall collect malba regularly.
- Shall get the collected waste transported to appropriate sites for processing and disposal either through own resources or by appointing private operators
- Shall give appropriate incentives to generators for salvaging, processing and or recycling, preferably in-situ.
- Shall examine and sanction the waste management plan of the generators within a period of one month, or from the date of approval of building plan, whichever is earlier from the date of its submission
- Shall create awareness on an ongoing basis

*It is extremely important that you are aware of these rules and can ask for them to be implemented. Otherwise, you might end up breathing in these pollutants.*