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For people who are anticipating undertaking a major construction or demolition project, or even a project that encompasses both of these processes, it is quite possible, highly likely in fact, that a lot of debris will be generated.

For those people, here are some tips to consider if the project could benefit from dumpster rental.

1. If you are new to renting debris containers, be aware that not all roll off rental companies are the same.

There are many companies on the Internet that advertise as being providers of roll off rental service, making various claims about their reputation, low prices and expertise, but many of them are middlemen who hope to sub contract your job to whoever will give them the lowest price. The problem this creates for you is that by adding this level of complexity to your project, you have absolutely no assurance that the selected sub-contractor has the proper size of container, or worse still, if they have any container at all available for when you need it and will show up on the correct date.

This is not to imply that all Internet sites offering dumpster services are rip-offs, but simply that you should ask if the people whom you have contacted are actually the people whom will be doing the job.

2. Where is the company you have contacted located?

Dealing with a company located near your project has distinct advantages. One of these is that they are more likely to be aware of local ordinances covering requirements for environmental issues, as well as logistic considerations such as street weight restrictions that may result in requiring you to use two ten yard containers rather than one twenty yard container. This is a genuine issue, one that you would prefer to know about in advance, rather than by calling your container supplier that has failed to show up late on the first day of your project, only to find out that the driver returned to the yard because he could not access your location. Another advantage of a nearby company is that they have probably supplied containers precisely where you need them, so they will anticipate these and other circumstances before they become a problem. Finally, a nearby company offers less potential for delays caused by weather and traffic.

3. Determining the proper size container for the project.

Many roll off companies promote the concept that bigger is better, meaning that you will be up-sold to a container size that well exceeds your actual requirement. While it is certainly better to err on the side of having a little more container than is necessary, one double the required capacity is simply throwing away money.

These and other issues will influence the process of dumpster rental, regardless of the nature of the project. Ask tough questions, demand clear answers, knowing that you have many choices when it comes to renting roll off containers.

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