



Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division

5825 Rickenbacker Rd, Commerce, CA 90040

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ASSESSMENT AND REMOVAL

Ash and debris that remain from structures destroyed by the wildfire may contain hazardous waste and materials that can threaten public health or the environment. On November 12, 2018, the LA County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency which **prohibits the removal of fire debris** until an inspection of the debris is conducted by either State, federal, or local hazardous materials agencies.

The LA County Fire Department is conducting fire debris inspections and coordinating hazardous material removal activities to provide the necessary clearances to property owners for the safe removal of their demolition/fire debris. It is recommended that you do not handle or remove hazardous waste until these agencies have evaluated fire debris at your property. You may see representatives from these agencies in the area during the next few weeks.

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste:

- Compressed gas cylinders (such as propane, welding gases, etc.)
- Gasoline cans and other fuel containers
- Motor oil and antifreeze
- Identified asbestos
- Lead acid batteries
- Solar panels and batteries
- Chemical containers (such as pool chemicals, cleaning chemicals, aerosol spray cans etc.)
- Paint, solvents and thinners
- Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers
- Munitions
- Electrical transformers
- Fluorescent lights
- Consumer electronics (such as televisions, computers, etc.)



There are two phases to this program:

Phase 1: Hazardous Materials Inspection and Removal

Phase 2: Fire Debris and Ash Removal



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Phase 1: Hazardous Material Inspection and Removal

Teams from the US EPA or the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) along with the LA County Fire Department will inspect your property and remove hazardous materials, including household hazardous waste (HHW) that may pose a threat to human health and the environment. Phase 1 activities do not include removal of fire debris and ash, which may contain hazardous substances like heavy metals and asbestos fibers. Fire debris and ash removal activities are addressed in Phase 2 of this process.

- There is no cost to the property owner for this work and you do not need to file a request to participate.
- Property owners **cannot** opt out of hazardous material inspection and removal activities.
- Once your property is cleared, a yellow clearance placard will be posted on your property.
- Inspections will begin during the week of December 3rd and could take several months to complete. Inspectors will be going door to door so **you will not have to schedule an appointment.**
- A determination will be made on responsibility of hazardous waste removal from commercial or government properties based on the materials involved, danger posed, and capacity of the owner.

Phase 2: Ash and Fire Debris Removal

Upon completion of Phase 1 activities, there are two options for removal of ash and fire debris from your property.

Option I: Residents who opt-in for the Government Program (Recommended)

Option II: Residents who opt-out of the Government Program

For further information on the Phase 2 debris removal program, please visit LA County Woolsey Fire Recovery Website: <https://www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire/>

For further information on the assessment and removal of household hazardous waste from your property, please contact LA County Fire Department's Health Hazardous Materials Division at (323) 890-4000, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.