



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 October 22, 2020, the Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) in conjunction with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), is conducting fire debris assessment and coordinating household hazardous waste (HHW) 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 I: HHW Assessment and Removal

Phase II: Fire Debris and Ash Removal



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Phase I: HHW Assessment and Removal

Teams from DTSC along with LACoFD will inspect your property and remove hazardous materials, including HHW that may pose a threat to human health and the environment. Phase I 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 II 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 HHW assessment and removal activities.
- Once your property is cleared, a yellow clearance placard will be posted on your property.
- Inspections started November 2, 2020 and could take several weeks 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.

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Wildfire Debris Management
Hazardous Materials/Waste Inspection Form - Phase I

Property Address _____
APN _____

Household Hazardous Waste Screening Completed N/A
Household Hazardous Waste Removal Completed N/A
Asbestos Visual Screening Completed N/A
Asbestos containing material identified and remains on-site

Completed by _____
Name _____ Date _____

Notes: _____

Do Not Remove or Tamper with this Notice. Please contact the LA County Fire Department, Health Hazardous Materials Division, at (323) 890-4000, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, if you have any questions regarding this notice or other clean-up activities.

This inspection did not include removal of fire debris and ash, which may be hazardous. Take precaution when entering this property.

For further information on the remaining fire debris removal (Phase II), please visit the LA County Recovery website, at <https://lacounty.gov/recovery/>.

Department of Public Works
Recovery

For further information on the assessment and removal of household hazardous waste from your property, please contact the LACoFD, Health Hazardous Materials Division, at (323) 890-4000, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Phase II: Ash and Fire Debris Removal

Upon completion of Phase I 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, please call the Department of Public Works, Bobcat and Lake Fire Debris Hotline at (626) 979-5370 or visit the LA County Recovery Website: <https://www.lacounty.gov/recovery/>.