



Mosquito Fire Debris Removal Fact Sheet

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Fire debris cleanup is a complex, multi-step process. This fact sheet provides an overview of the required cleanup steps to help property owners understand the choices available during the process.

Phase I - Household Hazardous Waste Removal (COMPLETED IN OCTOBER)

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) or their contractors are authorized and required by the Governor's executive order to access your property to remove hazardous household waste (e.g., propane tanks, compressed gas cylinders, solvents, etc.).

Phase II – Removal of Fire Debris

If you have a qualifying structure of 120 square feet or more that has been destroyed by the Mosquito Fire, Phase II cleanup is required. The removal of fire debris includes all cleanup of debris from structures and Immediate Hazard Trees (*trees that pose an immediate threat of falling onto work crews or obstructing their access to the debris clearance site*) resulting from the Mosquito Fire, including removal, transport and disposal of Fire Debris, but it does not include the removal of personal property from residential sites unless such removal of personal property involves cleanup and the removal of ash from the property.

There are two options for cleanup: the County-led program and the Alternative program. The requirements for both cleanup programs are the same. The primary differences are who manages the debris removal from your property and how the cleanup is funded.

•**County-led Debris Removal Program** - Property owners must sign up for this program to authorize the County to manage the removal of fire debris on their property by submitting a [Right of Entry form](#). This program has no out-of-pocket expense, regardless of whether you have insurance, but *the County will coordinate recovery of the actual cost of debris removal if your policy includes debris removal*. You can also email EMD.Info@edcgov.us or call 530-621-5300 to receive a form.

•**Alternative Program** - Property owners may choose to manage the removal of fire debris themselves. Property owners must hire a qualified contractor and environmental consultants at their own expense and cannot clean up property themselves. In addition, you will be required to hire a licensed arborist or registered forester to assess for hazard trees that impact the right-of-way or that they wish to be removed. All work must be completed according to state standards and done in a timely manner. The application and workplan must be reviewed and approved by the Environmental Management Department (EMD). Obtain an Alternate Program application at www.edcgov.us/Government/emd/Documents/Mosquito%20Fire/Mosquito%20Alternate%20Program%20Plan.pdf or email AlternativeProgram@edcgov.us.

The deadline to submit a Right of Entry Form or an Alternative Program application is Friday, December 16, 2022.

Abatement

If you choose not to participate in either of the above programs, the County may abate your property by removing all fire debris and place a lien on the property until the cleanup cost is repaid to the County.

Self-Cleanup (No qualifying structures on property)

If your property did not include a qualifying structure of 120 square feet or more, you may hire a contractor or you may clean up the property yourself. You are not required to participate in one of the fire debris removal programs. These small volume sites will need a special waste disposal certificate to dispose of ash and debris. Please contact the Environmental Management Department at 530-621-5300 to obtain a certificate for authorized disposal of your fire debris.