

	County of (Insert Here) (Health/ Fire) Agency (Address) (Phone #) (Email Address)	
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Advisory Notice

Ash and Burn Debris Cleanup and Removal

Debris and Ash from residential fires may be hazardous. Ash and debris from burned buildings and homes can contain toxic substances due to the presence of synthetic and hazardous materials.

To All Property Owners: The _____ County (Agency/Department) has partnered with the California Office of Emergency Services to provide a debris removal program for your neighborhood. Due to the need for a rapid recovery from the damage caused by the fire, this program will assist affected homeowners and property owners with the removal and cleanup of ash and debris at *no charge*.

Ash from a residential fire may be hazardous and debris from burned buildings and homes can contain toxic substances. Building materials may contain asbestos and older buildings often contain lead. Also, common household chemicals such as cleaning products, along with pesticides, fuels, or other chemicals that may have been stored in homes, garages, or sheds may have burned in the fire. These materials can become concentrated in ash and soil following a fire and may then be considered a hazardous waste.

Do not transport ash or debris to landfills or transfer stations at this time. It is recommended that debris and ash from burned structures remain undisturbed until further instructions are issued. This recommendation is in place to protect the health of anyone who may come into contact with the waste, including solid waste facility employees, solid waste haulers, and the public.

The Debris Removal Program offered by _____ County and CalRecycle provides property owners with a safe and comprehensive program to remove potentially hazardous debris, regardless of insurance coverage. The ash and debris from destroyed buildings will be cleared, contaminated soil removed, and the cleared area will be tested to ensure it is safe and ready to rebuild at *no cost to you*. Participation in this program requires property owners to forward any insurance payments received specifically for debris removal to the County,

which will then be reimbursed to the state. Insurance policies differ greatly so please contact your insurance carrier regarding debris components of your policy.

_____ County Environmental Health is encouraging you to take advantage of this program to ensure the proper handling and disposal of debris and ash from the fire. This program will help protect you, your family, and your neighbors by safely removing those toxic materials from your property.

Property owners who would like to participate in this free program will be required to fill out the "Right of Entry" form. The completed form can be submitted to the following:
