



Alternative Fire Debris Removal Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the fire debris and ash from burned structures have to be removed from my property?

Yes. The debris resulting from the Caldor Fire contains hazardous material in the ash of the burned structures and must be properly removed. Debris removal has two phases: removal of hazardous waste (Phase I) and removal of remaining hazardous materials and other fire-related debris and ash (Phase II).

In **Phase I**, local government, state and federal agencies have organized teams of experts from the California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to inspect your property and remove any hazardous waste that may pose a threat to human health, animals, and the environment such as batteries, herbicide, pesticide, propane tanks, paints, and e-waste. Phase I is automatic and includes residential properties destroyed by the fire. You do not have to take any action for Phase I of the cleanup process.

In Phase II, fire structural debris removal is required for properties where a structure of 120 square feet or more has been destroyed. In Phase II, property owners must choose one of two options for fire debris removal.

1. Property owners can participate in the government program by completing and signing a Right-of-Entry (ROE) Form, or
2. Property owners can hire properly licensed and certified contractors and consultants to complete cleanup in the Alternative Program. An Alternative Fire Debris Removal Program Application and Work Plan are required for participation in the Alternative Program.

Property owners may perform Phase II cleanup themselves. *Property owners that meet the same qualifications listed for contractors or consultants may perform the work if they are qualified to do so as part of their work plan under the Alternative Program.*

2. Do I have to sign up to use the Alternative Program to cleanup fire debris if I will not be participating in the O Program?

Yes. Property owners are required to complete an Alternative Fire Debris Removal Program Application and submit a Work Plan within the deadline to use the Alternative Program for debris removal. A Work Plan template is included with the Alternative Fire Debris Removal Program Application.

Your contractor should recycle metals and concrete if possible and properly separated.

Landfill	County	Owner	Address
Western Regional Landfill	Placer	Western Placer Waste Management Authority	3195 Athens Ave, Lincoln, CA 95648
Sacramento County Landfill (Kiefer)	Sacramento	Sacramento County	12701 Kiefer Blvd, Sloughouse, CA 95683
Ostrom Road Landfill	Yuba	Recology Ostrom Road	5900 Ostram Rd, Wheatland, CA 95916

Concrete: must not be over 2 feet in any dimension and not have exposed rebar over 5 inches. Concrete and metal must be generally free of ash and debris. Concrete and metal shall be wetted down on site and over the debris pile prior to transport. All loads must be tarped. Disposal fee schedule currently under review and subject to change.

Metal: Auto chassis, mobile homes, and camping trailers sections of fencing, posts, iron frames, etc. must be no longer than six feet. Chain link fencing should be rolled up (i.e. in 25' sections). Metal barrels must be dry with tops removed.

7. Where can my contractor dispose of the fire debris and ash?

A contractor may dispose of waste at a properly permitted landfill facility such as the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF). The contractor must present a certificate to dispose of fire debris and ash. Certificates for the Alternative Program are issued by the Environmental Management Department.

8. The building on my property that burned is less than 120 square feet. What do I do with fire debris from these structures?

For properties that only have structures less than 120 sq. ft. debris, you are not required to remove fire debris and ash through Phase II Programs, Government Program or Alternative Program, however, you will need a certificate to dispose of fire-related debris. Please contact the Right of Entry (ROE) Center or Butte County Public Health Environmental Health Division to obtain a certificate to dispose of fire debris and ash to the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility. Disposal fees apply.