



El Dorado County Fire Debris Removal

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Summary of the Caldor Fire Debris Cleanup Process

Fire debris cleanup is a complicated process involving several steps. This summary is intended to give property owners an overview of the required cleanup steps and help them understand the choices they may have to make during the process.

Phase I (Household Hazardous Waste Removal)

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.). **You do not have to take any action for Phase I cleanup.** When Phase I is completed for your property, a marker will be placed on your property indicating Phase I is complete. You may also check the status of Phase I online at <https://dtsc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/cecc021ffd47412aae9921e8a9296693>.

Phase II (Debris Removal)

If you have a qualifying structure of 120 square feet or more that has been destroyed by the Caldor Fire, Phase II cleanup is required. 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. For Phase 2, you have 2 options:

- **State Consolidated Debris Removal (State) Program.** Property owners must sign up for this program to authorize Cal OES to manage debris removal on their property. The program coordinates insurance benefits, but there is no out-of-pocket expense for property owners, even if you do not have insurance. Obtain a Right of Entry form at www.edcgov.us/Pages/Caldor-Fire-Right-of-Entry.aspx, email CaldorFireROE@edcgov.us or call 530-621-5300.
- **Alternative (private) Program.** Property owners may choose to manage debris removal themselves. However, property owners must hire a qualified contractor and environmental consultants at their own expense. **With a qualifying structure, property owners cannot cleanup property themselves.** All work must be completed according to state standards and must be reviewed and approved by Environmental Management Department (EMD). Obtain an Alternate Program application at www.edcgov.us/Government/emd/wildfire_recovery_phase-ii or email AlternativeProgram@edcgov.us

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 cleanup the property yourself. These small volume sites will need a special waste disposal certificate to dispose of ash and debris. Please contact EMD at 530-621-5300 to obtain a certificate for authorized disposal of your fire debris.

Hazard Tree Removal

Hazard trees are defined as any tree which poses a risk of falling onto an improved public property, or public road or right-of-way within the next 5 years. The State Program covers both the removal of structural debris and hazard tree removal from the property. If you sign up for the State Program, hazard trees will be removed for you at no out-of-pocket expense.

Property owners who opt out of the State Program also opt out of the hazard tree removal program.

Those using the Alternative Program for structural debris removal will be required to hire a licensed arborist or registered forester to assess for hazard trees on the property. Therefore, those property owners who choose the Alternative Debris Removal/Private Tree Removal Program will be required to remove hazard trees at their own expense, comply with all applicable requirements, and do so in a timely manner.