



# Ventura County Environmental Health Division

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## FIRE DEBRIS AND ASH REMOVAL APPLICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR PARTIALLY BURNED OR DAMAGED STRUCTURES IN UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY

**Who needs to complete this application?** Property owners whose residential structure(s) and accessory structure(s) sustained partial damage as a result of the 2017 Ventura County Thomas Fire are subject to Ventura County Ordinance 4515. All related demolition work and fire debris removal work must be performed to protect the environment and public health. State disaster funding will not be available to reimburse this work.

**Please complete, sign and return this application to the Ventura County Environmental Health Division located at 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009-1730 or [EHDThomasfire@ventura.org](mailto:EHDThomasfire@ventura.org)**

**Contact Ventura County Environmental Health Division at (805) 654-2432 with any questions regarding this application or the Local Fire Debris Removal Program.**

<b>Property Owner Name:</b>		
<b>Property Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):</b>		
<b>Phone(s):</b>	<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>

<b>Description of Fire Debris Being Removed (how many structures, type of waste, etc.)</b>

<b>List of Contractor(s) Performing Work</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	<b>License No.:</b>
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## **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR FIRE DEBRIS AND ASH REMOVAL FROM PARTIALLY BURNED / DAMAGED STRUCTURES**

### **Household Hazardous Waste**

- Fire debris and ash may contain hazardous substances which can pose a threat to public health and the environment. Proper protection should be worn when handling, sorting, and transporting these materials (sturdy footwear, gloves, respiratory protection).
- Household hazardous wastes (batteries, propane tanks, paint, gasoline cans, cleaning products, pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs, etc) should be identified, segregated, and disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility or Recycling Facility.

### **Asbestos Removal**

- Asbestos or asbestos containing material (ACM) requires assessment by a Certified Asbestos Consultant.
- Asbestos and asbestos containing material must be removed by a licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor.
- If bulk loading ACM, the bin or container used for transport shall be double-lined with 10-mil poly in such a way that once loaded both layers can be sealed up independently (“burrito-wrap method”).

### **Debris Transport**

- All debris removal must be completed by properly licensed professionals
- All loads should be covered with a tarp; this includes metal debris.
- Ash and debris loads should be wetted and “burrito-wrapped” (placed in a plastic liner and then fully encapsulated with a tarp) prior to being transported for disposal to a regional landfill.
- Contractors/haulers failing to adhere to this standard may have their debris load rejected at the disposal facility.

## **Debris Disposal**

- Burn waste/ash must at a minimum be disposed of at a Class III disposal facility with a liner approved by the Regional Water Control Board to accept the waste, and
- Any characterization requirements of the disposal site must be met before transportation to such site.
- The property owner should contact the disposal facility, transfer station, or composting operation prior to transport to avoid having their debris load rejected.

## **Dust Control**

- Property owners or their contractors should look to provide water or an approved dust suppressant, or both, to prevent dust nuisance at each site.
- Dust resulting from performance of the work should be controlled at all times.
- Each area of ash and debris to be removed should be pre-watered 48 to 72 hours before removal. The water must be applied in a manner that does not generate runoff. Hoses with a fine spray nozzle are recommended.
- If concrete loads generate dust, then the loads must be wetted and covered.
- All waste material that is not unloaded at the end of each workday should be consolidated, sufficiently wetted, and/or covered to prevent the offsite migration of contaminants.
- All visibly dry disturbed soil surface areas of operation should be watered to minimize dust emissions during performance of work.
- Reduce driving speeds on unpaved roads to minimize dust.
- Procedures should be implemented to prevent or minimize dirt, soil, or ash contaminating roadways, neighboring parcels, or creating an airborne health hazard.

## **Grading and Erosion Control**

Refer to Guidelines established by Ventura County Public Works Agency Development & Inspection Services. <http://vcpublishworks.org/dis>

## **Watershed Protection**

Refer to Guidelines provided by Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program. <http://www.cleanwatershed.org/outreach-materials/brochures>

**Please read the statements below and acknowledge in the space provided with initials:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby certify that all fire related debris on my property will be identified, and properly removed and disposed of in conformance with generally accepted Best Management Practices (BMP's) for fire debris removal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed and understand the "Best Management Practices for Fire Debris and Ash Removal from Partially Burned / Damaged Structures" handout.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand ash and debris may contain hazardous substances and can be a threat to public health and the environment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the ash and debris shall be wetted down prior to removal and dust shall be controlled.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the ash and fire debris shall be completely encapsulated with a tarp ("burrito wrap" method) prior to being transported for disposal to a regional landfill.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that any asbestos or asbestos containing material found on my property will be assessed by a Certified Asbestos Consultant and removed by a licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify all remaining hazardous waste and household hazardous waste (batteries, fluorescent bulbs, etc) will be identified and disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility or Recycling Facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that additional permits may be required from other agencies, including but not limited to, Ventura County Building and Safety, Planning, and Integrated Waste Management Division.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including County of Ventura, and to defend and indemnify, hold harmless, and release County, its elected representatives, officers, agents, and employees, from and against any actions, claims, damages, demands, losses, liabilities, disabilities or expenses, defense costs (including reasonable attorney fees), of any kind or nature, that may be asserted by any person or entity with respect to the removal of debris and any hazardous material from the above mentioned real estate property.

<b>Property Owner Signature</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Authorized Agent Signature</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>County Acknowledgement</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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