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# Mendocino County Fast Facts

## Debris Removal: Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is the Debris Removal Program?**

**A:** The Debris Removal Program is made up of two phases: removal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and removal of other fire-related debris.

County, state and federal agencies are organizing teams of experts from the California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to inspect your property for HHW and remove it from the property.

In coordination with Cal OES, FEMA and local officials, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will execute contracts to conduct fire related debris removal from properties.

### **Q: How do I get involved?**

**A:** The first step is to complete a Right of Entry (ROE) form to allow access to your property. Forms have been mailed directly to properties affected. Once you give the consent to enter on to your property the County will coordinate with FEMA and Cal OES to develop a debris removal collection strategy.

### **Q: How do I obtain a Right of Entry form?**

**A:** Mendocino County has mailed forms directly to affected property owners. In addition, forms are available at the Local Assistance Center, Planning and Building Services and online at [www.mendocinocounty.org/community/mendocino-county-fire-information](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/mendocino-county-fire-information).

### **Q: My home was destroyed in the fire. Can I go back onto my property to see if I can find any valuables or mementos?**

**A:** Property owners who desire to search debris for possible salvageable items should do so with caution and with proper protective gear: eye protection, masks, gloves, long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Residents should minimize contact with fire debris. There may be Hazardous Household Waste, which contains materials that can be hazardous to your health.

### **Q: When will the debris removal begin?**

**A:** Crews have already begun removal of HHW. Removal of fire debris has been scheduled by CalOES and FEMA to begin in the region by November 1, 2017, based on the percentage of right of entry forms received.

**Q: Who is going to pay for it?**

**A:** The cleanup offered through this program is provided at no direct cost to you, but does require you to assign that portion of any insurance proceeds (if any) designated by your policy for debris cleanup. If you don't have fire insurance or if your policy does not have an item for debris cleanup, you are still eligible to participate in this program.

**Q: Will USACE use local contractors in this effort?**

**A:** Yes, under the USACE Advanced Contracting Initiative (ACI) the Prime Contractors are using local contractors. The prime contractors for this response are Ashbritt and Environmental Chemical Corporation. Local contractors can register as subcontractors at the primary contractor websites located at:

<http://www.ashbritt.com/>

<http://www.ecc.net>

**Q: Will USACE use California State prevailing wage, Davis-Bacon, or GSA rate?**

**A:** The USACE ACI contractor is required to pay Davis-Bacon or California state prevailing wage, whichever is higher.

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