



GUIDELINES FOR MOUNTAIN FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL AT AFFECTED RESIDENTIAL SITES IN VENTURA COUNTY

Numerous Ventura County residential structures were completely or partially destroyed by the Mountain Fire. These guidelines are for crews that will be removing residential fire debris. They are intended to facilitate the prompt removal of residential fire debris while protecting health and safety.

Demolition Notification Requirements

- Contractors shall submit a demolition notification for removal of affected fire debris for each affected site. <http://www.vcapcd.org/pubs/Compliance/Asbestos/ENF62-Asbestos-Demo-Notification-20231017-fillable.pdf>
- If a contractor has 5 or more sites, they can then submit a single notification along with a list of every site on a spreadsheet or database with the individual start dates.
- Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) will waive the 10-day waiting period for any removals/work performed by independent contractors, provided proper notification has been previously submitted.
- VCAPCD will waive notification fees for any residential demolition notifications for sites affected by the Mountain Fire.

Work Practices

- Contractors shall adequately “Pre-Water” affected sites in advance of commencing operations to minimize dust from any removal operations.
- In order to minimize exposure to neighboring residences, VCAPCD will require a “zero-dust” policy for contractors performing fire debris removal.
- For partially destroyed structures, the debris, including chimneys and foundations, must be inspected by a Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) to determine if it is considered regulated asbestos-containing material. All debris identified as asbestos-containing material must be handled in accordance with the Asbestos NESHAP and disposed of at a landfill authorized to accept asbestos-containing waste.
- All suspect asbestos-containing materials that are non-friable shall be handled by a certified Asbestos Contractor in such a manner as to prevent it from becoming friable.
- All fire debris shall be “burrito-wrapped” using plastic material with a minimum of 10 mil thickness and disposed of at a landfill that is authorized to accept such waste.
- No fire debris shall be transported in an open truck unless it is “burrito-wrapped” and the load is securely covered with a tarp.
- All fire debris shall be handled in such a manner as to prevent ash or other particles from being re-entrained into the air.

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