



Wildfire Debris Removal: What Contractors Need to Know

In the wake of recent wildfires, many contractors have been asking how they can get involved in debris removal efforts. This bulletin provides key details on the cleanup process, who is spearheading the effort, and how interested contractors can participate.

Key takeaway: Pre-registration is essential to be considered for subcontracting opportunities.

Q: What does the wildfire debris removal process entail?

The wildfire debris removal process in Los Angeles County is structured into two phases:

- **Phase 1: Hazardous Material Removal**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) handles this phase, removing household hazardous materials (paints, solvents, pesticides, batteries, propane tanks, and asbestos-containing materials) to ensure public health and safety.

- **Phase 2: Debris and Hazard Tree Removal**

After Phase 1 is complete, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) oversees Phase 2. This phase involves clearing fire-damaged properties of hazardous ash and debris while adhering to strict environmental and safety protocols.

Q: How can property owners participate in debris removal?

Property owners have two options:

1. **Government-Run Program:** Owners can sign a Right-of-Entry (ROE) form, allowing USACE to handle the debris removal at no direct cost to them.
2. **Private Cleanup:** Owners can hire approved contractors to manage the cleanup independently at their own expense.



Q: Who is leading the debris removal effort?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has selected [ECC](#) as the prime contractor responsible for debris removal operations. ECC is enlisting subcontractors to assist with the recovery work.

Q: How can contractors get involved?

The most important step is [pre-registration](#) with ECC. Interested contractors should register as soon as possible to be considered for subcontracting opportunities. Use the following link to pre-register:

<https://subcontractor.ecc.net/>

Q: How can contractors get prequalified with CalRecycle for future state-run natural disaster debris removal projects?

CalRecycle manages the state-run debris removal program and maintains a list of prequalified contractors eligible for state-funded cleanup projects. To get prequalified:

1. Review Requirements: Contractors must meet specific qualifications, including licensing, insurance, and compliance with environmental regulations.
2. Submit an Application: Contractors need to complete an application through CalRecycle's official website and provide required documentation.
3. Approval Process: Once reviewed and approved, contractors will be added to CalRecycle's Disaster Debris Removal Contracts list and considered for future state-managed cleanup work.

For more details and to apply, visit [CalRecycle's](#) website.

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

For questions or further details, please contact:



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