



Shasta County

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The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”) will be assisting the County and property owners impacted by the Fawn Fire. DTSC and their contractor will be performing what is called Phase 1 removal beginning October 12, 2021. Phase 1 is removal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Electronic Waste (E-Waste), and Asbestos from the affected properties.

HHW must be handled separately from and prior to addressing other burn debris. Further, HHW, E-Waste and Asbestos materials cannot be taken to local landfills. Because HHW is dangerous, residents are strongly urged to leave all HHW in place and to not remove any HHW, E-Waste, Asbestos, or damaged containers of HHW from their properties. In addition to E-Waste and asbestos, HHW includes unused or leftover portions of products that contain toxic chemicals. Products labeled Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable, or Corrosive are considered hazardous. See below list for examples of HHW.

Because of the hazards of HHW to the Community, HHW must be cleaned up. ***This may include the need to enter the property without the owner’s permission with the sole intent of removing HHW, which is permitted pursuant to the County’s Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency and applicable State/Federal Law.***

Following the HHW removal, property owners can initiate the second phase of debris removal to remove all other fire-generated debris. At this time, it is not known if there will be a State-facilitated debris removal program. If there is a State program, property owners will be able to submit a right-of-entry agreement form to have the State complete the remaining debris removal. If there is not a State program, then prior to any debris removal, property owners will need to obtain a demolition permit from the Shasta County Building Division and complete the debris removal on their own or through a licensed contractor which is recommended. Cleanup standards or guidelines are forthcoming, but have not yet been established for properties affected by the Fawn Fire.

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste:

- Aerosols
- Antifreeze
- Solvents
- Auto Batteries
- Auto Fluids
- Used Oil and Oil Filters
- Household Cleaners
- Fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Latex / Oil-Based Paint
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane Tanks (less than 30 gallon)

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