

DEBRIS MANAGEMENT



Please use caution when returning to the burn area. If your home has been destroyed or damaged by wildfire, the debris can be hazardous to your health.

Ash cannot be disposed of at any of the county transfer stations or the demolition landfill. There are many different factors associated with this type of disposal and Environmental Services is working as quickly as possible to find a solution that is convenient for impacted communities while following environmental regulations.

Fire debris can contain many types of hazardous materials that require special handling and disposal, including:

- Tiny particles of dust, dirt, and soot that can easily become airborne and be inhaled;
- Toxic amounts of heavy metals including arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead and mercury;
- Asbestos; and
- Propane tanks, air conditioners, batteries, cleaning products, pesticides, and herbicides.

When you are notified that it is safe to begin cleaning up debris on your property, there are important safety precautions to take to protect your health, including:

- Wear sturdy footwear, eye goggles, and heavy duty work gloves;
- If possible, wear a properly fitted N95 mask to prevent ash and debris from being inhaled into the lungs;
- Get all materials tested for asbestos. If it is found, hire a licensed asbestos abatement contractor;
- Do not allow children to help with the clean up as exposure to hazardous materials can have long term health consequences; and
- Clean recyclable materials, such as metal or concrete, with water prior to transport.

If you have questions regarding wildfire debris removal, please contact Marion County Environmental Services.

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For additional resources and fire information, visit www.co.marion.or.us/fire