

Lincoln County Solid Waste District
DIY/Contractor Debris Removal Information

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Tips to Protect You, Your Property, Your Community

☐ Protect Your Underground Services

Before any clean up begins, get a sitemap from building services and physically stakeout or mark on the ground the location of your septic tank, drain field, and waterlines. Then, carefully monitor debris removal and construction activity to keep heavy equipment off your underground systems.

☐ Control Water Run-Off from Rain

Require anyone disturbing the site to develop an erosion control plan and take measures so ash, mud, and debris does not flow onto other people's property or into streams. Set up erosion control fences, chip and spread yard debris, bring in straw, or use sandbags to protect your soils.

☐ Keep Good Records

Document, Document, Document. Whether it is for your insurance agent, FEMA, the Building Department, a code enforcement officer, or a future home buyer – track and keep all receipts for disposal, document each step of the cleanup process, and take lots of photo

- Keep a copy of all testing and test results performed on site (such as asbestos tests)
- Independently monitor debris removal activity. If you cannot document it yourself, hire someone (other than the contractor doing the work) to monitor. Take photos and log each step of the process.
- Track each debris removal contractor by name, date on site, type & volume of material removed, and keep copies of receipts. Take photos before and after each step of the operation.
- Verify each debris load leaving the site is properly tarped, especially ash debris loads (potentially hazardous)
- Track where each type of debris goes, including Ash, Metals, Concrete, Wood Waste, and Household Hazardous Waste (if any). Demand and keep copies of disposal receipts for each material removed from the site.

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Monitoring and tracking fire debris is critical for reimbursement (through insurance and/or FEMA and for gaining future permits for the site. **The expectation is that homeowners will track all debris removed from the site and provide proof of proper disposal.**

NOTE: this form is for the property owner moving forward with cleanup efforts either DIY or with a qualified contractor. Federal/State cleanup response information is available on a separate document.

1. **Inert Debris** - Concrete, bricks, and rubble



Inerts exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Once free of ash, self-haul to a local transfer station, order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal. Track all concrete debris removed from property.

2. **Woody Debris** - wood that is not treated or painted, yard debris and fallen trees



Woody debris exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Once free of ash, self-haul to a local transfer station, order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal. Woody debris may be chipped on site and used for groundcover. Track all woody debris removed from property.

3. **Ash Debris** – ashy debris from burned homes, barns, and structures potentially containing asbestos



New guidance sites that ash most likely contains asbestos or other hazardous materials (such as heavy metals)*. Homeowners may choose to hire an asbestos inspector or may skip the inspection and simply assume all ashy debris contains asbestos. Either way, for the removal of the ashy debris from the site the **recommendation is to hire a qualified asbestos contractor**. DIY clean up and self-haul is not recommended and requires specific handling/disposal rules to be followed. Track all ash/asbestos debris removed from property. Hauling ash debris must be by North Lincoln Sanitary Service or the qualified contractor clearing the ash debris.

** When asbestos-containing material is disturbed and improperly handled, tiny hazardous fibers are released into the air and may cause lung cancer and other illnesses. **There's no known safe level of exposure to asbestos.***

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4. **Metals** – All metals exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Separate metals into three categories :



- Vehicles – Keep separated from other metals. Once free of ash, self-haul to a certified wrecking yard or contact a qualified tow company to remove vehicles from the property
NOTE special rules apply for tracking the title/VIN number.



- Appliances containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) – Once free of ash, keep separated from other metals. Appliances containing freon may be self-hauled to a local transfer station, or removed by a qualified contractor. Track all appliances removed from property.



- Scrap Metals – Once free of ash, self-haul to a local transfer station, order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal.



= Standard Process – cleanup/self-haul with normal safety precautions



= Specialized Process – careful attention and qualified contractor required for proper/safe cleanup, handling, or disposal

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Drop box service & commercial short-haul reload location(s) – (541) 994-5555

- ✓ Contact North Lincoln Sanitary Services for rates, test requirements, service availability, and detailed instructions

Local Transfer Stations – ☒ *self-haul loads of ashy debris from the 2020 wildfire not accepted*

- ☒ North Lincoln Sanitary Service
- ☒ Thompson's Sanitary Service
- ☒ Dahl Disposal

Coffin Butte Landfill – (541) 745-5792

- ✓ Coffin Butte Landfill has recently revised their acceptance requirements for wildfire ash debris – 2020 wildfire ash debris may require RCRA testing for acceptance. Contact Republic Services for rates, test requirements, hours of operation, and detailed instructions

Hillsboro Landfill – (503) 640-9427

- ✓ Hillsboro Landfill requires asbestos testing on ALL 2020 wildfire ash debris loads (regardless of year-built). In order to participate in the Hillsboro Landfill Program, the contractor must call and sign up for a "**Self-Permit**" from **800-963-4050**. Contact the Waste Management Builder's Direct Program for rates, test requirements, hours of operation, and detailed instructions.

Remember – Tarping Loads is Required