

WOOLSEY RECOVERY

Debris Removal e-Newsletter



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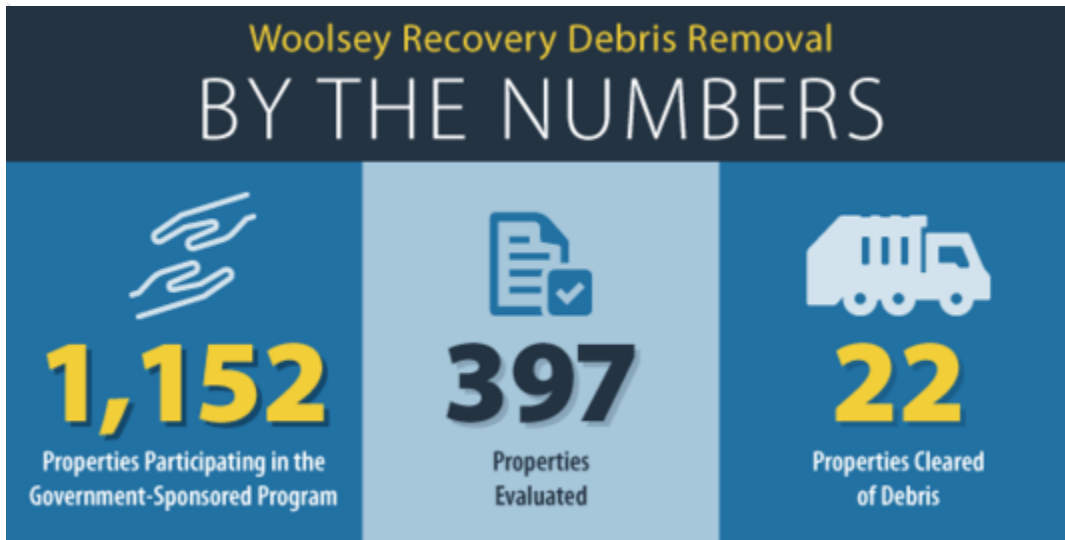
Making Progress on Woolsey Fire Debris Removal

State contractors are making progress on debris removal from properties affected by the Woolsey Fire and whose owners have opted into the Government-Sponsored Fire Debris Removal Program, offered at no direct cost to property owners. State contractors have already finished clearing eligible debris - including metal, concrete and ash - from 22 properties in Los Angeles County, moving their owners one step closer to rebuilding. In addition to removing debris from the properties, state crews have completed 397 site assessments and 319 asbestos assessments. Site assessments and asbestos surveys are critical steps in the state's debris removal program and for rebuilding to begin.

State contractors must complete a site assessment before beginning debris removal operations on each property. During site assessments, contractors document and photograph property lines, the location of septic tanks, the footprints of foundations and ash, as well as objects that pose a hazard or hamper operations such as trees, pools and vehicles. During the asbestos surveys, state contractors canvass each property for asbestos containing materials (ACMs) and collect samples of materials suspected of containing ACMs for testing. Properties with ACMs are scheduled for abatement. Those with no ACMs present are scheduled for debris removal. Contractors also may tip standing chimneys for later removal. Following debris removal, soil samples are taken to ensure contaminants have been removed from the site. Once soil sample results are verified by the state, debris removal officials will schedule properties for erosion control. Possible erosion control measures include the installation of wood-based mulch, fiber rolls, silt fencing and/or erosion control blankets.

Property owners can begin rebuilding when fire debris has been removed, soil from the property has been tested to ensure it meets California's environmental standards, and erosion control measures have been implemented on their property. Property owners who haven't yet signed up for the Government-Sponsored Fire Debris Removal Program, have until February 15 to submit a Right of Entry form. If your friends or neighbors have been impacted by the Woolsey Fire and need assistance with debris removal, encourage them to reach out to us.

We can be reached at (626) 979-5370, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or email us at woolseyfire@dpw.lacounty.gov For additional information including resources, visit lacounty.gov/LACountyRecovers



Coming Soon!
We're preparing to launch an online dashboard to determine the status of your debris clearance. In the meantime, feel free to contact us as described below.

If you have questions regarding the debris removal process or the status of debris removal on your property, you may contact us at woolseyfire@dpw.lacounty.gov or by telephone at (626) 979-5370, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may also visit lacounty.gov/LACountyRecovers for additional resources.

