

# WOOLSEY RECOVERY

## Debris Removal e-Newsletter

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### What to Expect From the Debris Removal Process

**Woolsey Debris Removal Process**

Cities conducting debris removal will take necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of the community and the environment, including setting down rules of procedure and conducting air sampling during the debris removal process.

**Pre-removal Operations**

- Site Assessment**
  - Assessment teams will review flight CR Data (CR) data on site
  - Check for eligibility to remove DCA in other state and federal guidelines
  - Determine access routes and equipment needs for debris removal operations
- Chimney and Wall Tipping**
  - This task only applies to structures with standing walls and chimneys
  - Signs for debris removal will be placed near any standing walls and chimneys
  - 24-48 hours before removal operations, attempt to contact property owner for wall and chimney tipping
- Adverse Assessment**
  - Samples of potential asbestos containing materials are collected
  - All samples are sent to laboratory to be tested
  - Samples with positive asbestos results are properly labeled and re-tested

**Debris Removal Operations**

- Debris Removal**
  - 20-40 days before commencing removal, attempt to contact property owner for debris removal operations
  - Work throughout property owner has option of being present
  - Method of Debris Removal
    1. Subsoil Debris Field
    2. Pick and Chisel
    3. Excavate Foundations (including deep foundations)
    4. Excavate and Field

**Post-removal Operations**

- Follow-up Processes**
  - Soil sampling and lab testing to confirm soils are within acceptable background levels
  - Re-sampling of 2' to 4' of soil if soil sample results are above background screening levels
  - Embankment control systems installed
  - Final walk-through and sign off
  - Completion reports are processed and emailed to each property owner

Logos for Public Works, CACES, and CalRecycle are visible at the bottom.

Work is under way to clear debris from properties that have opted in to the Government-Sponsored program. Learn the comprehensive approach debris removal professionals will take to safely clear debris from your property by clicking [here](#).



### Free and Low-Cost Mental Health Support Available

Coping with a disaster can be difficult. If you or a loved one continue to experience persistent feelings of stress, depression, or anxiety, it's OK to ask for help. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is ready to provide mental health services.

Click on the following video links to learn more:

English: <https://vimeo.com/320548998>

Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/320550841>

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## By the Numbers

**1,245**

Properties Working with  
Los Angeles County to  
Clear Debris

**725**

Properties Evaluated

**130**

Properties Cleared of  
Debris



### Check Your Debris Removal Status

[Click here](#) to check the status of your submitted debris removal documents.



### Opt-in Debris Removal Progress Dashboard

[Click here](#) for a dashboard summarizing Opt-In Debris Removal Progress, including a map.

The dashboard will be updated regularly to provide additional information as it becomes available.



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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](mailto: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](http://lacounty.gov/LACountyRecovers) for additional resources.