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REAL-TIME INFORMATION ON WOOLSEY FIRE HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Los Angeles County Fire Department, together with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is in the process of assessing and removing household hazardous waste from properties burned by the Woolsey Fire.

Real-time information on the progress of household hazardous waste removal is available online at the <u>DTSC's household hazardous waste cleanup dashboard</u>. The link is also available via lacounty.gov/lacountyrecovers.

The DTSC dashboard is a mapping tool that keeps the public updated in real-time with data inputted by the crews on the ground.

Household hazardous waste removal tasks include a door-to-door assessment, survey and collection of household hazardous waste at approximately 1,500 properties in L.A. County. It also involves the safe removal, transport and disposal of hazardous waste materials. Yellow clearance placards will be posted on each property that has been cleared of hazardous waste.

Once a property has been cleared, then the DTSC dashboard is updated.

Hazardous waste removal work is authorized by federal and state disaster declarations and a subsequent executive order given by the Governor of California. This work does not require property owner consent and owners cannot opt out of hazardous materials assessment and removal activities.

The cleanup does not need to be scheduled but the teams require the help of property owners for unlocking and opening gates to accommodate the inspections and hazardous waste removals. All hazardous waste removal teams are accompanied by uniformed L.A. County Fire personnel.

Property owners impacted by the Woolsey Fire who have questions about the hazardous waste removal process also can contact the Los Angeles County Fire Department at (323) 890-4000, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.