

Phase 2 Ash and Fire Debris Removal: What to Expect by Opting In



Residents impacted by the Palisades and Eaton fires who opt-in to the government-run debris removal program will have their properties cleared by the US Army Corps of Engineers contractors. Clearing eligible ash and fire debris from your property is a key step on the road to recovery and eventually rebuilding. Here's what residents who opt-in can expect to see on their property.

Please note the following are not included in scope for removal: Fences, retaining walls, pools, etc.

Opting-In as a Community

The more of your neighbors who opt-in, the more efficiently the Army Corps of Engineers contractors can remove eligible debris from your properties.

Debris Removal Notification

The Army Corps of Engineers contractors will call you 72 hours before your property is scheduled for eligible debris removal and invite you to be on site if you choose. If planning to be on site, please wear proper personal protective equipment.

Wet Method

Crews will apply water and mist to keep ash on the ground and prevent it from becoming airborne.

Hazardous Trees

The Corps contractors will only remove trees that: Threaten crew safety; are dead or expected to die within five years due to fire damage (as analyzed by a certified arborist); or pose risk to public health and safety, including work crews.

Participants in the government-run debris removal program can use a [Waiver of Hazardous Tree Removal form](#) to retain specific trees on their property. Download it from recovery.lacounty.gov and submit it in-person to the contractor clearing debris from your property.

Safely Removing Debris

Eligible ash and debris is placed in the bed of a dump truck, tightly wrapped inside a heavy-duty plastic liner, and then covered with a tarp.



Soil

Crews will scrape 6 inches of soil around 2 to 5 feet from the structural ash footprint.

Chimneys

USACE contractors will remove chimneys from private property.

Foundation

If indicated on your Right of Entry form, the foundation will be removed by the USACE contractor if it can be done so safely.

Vehicles

Burned vehicles on the property will be removed as part of the clean up.