

LA County Public Works Fire Debris Removal Permit Property Owner Guide: Selecting a Hazardous Substance Removal Certification Contractor

The purpose of this document is to act as a resource guide to aid property owner's affected by the **2025 Eaton and Palisades Wildfires** in selecting an appropriately licensed contractor through the California Department of Consumer Affairs Contractors State License Board (CSLB) (https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/).

Appropriately licensed contractors must remove, transport, and dispose of all fire ash and debris, hazard trees, metals, and concrete in a manner that does not create a nuisance at the site or to the public. The Prime Contractor applying for the **Fire Debris Removal Permit** through EPIC-LA must have one of the following:

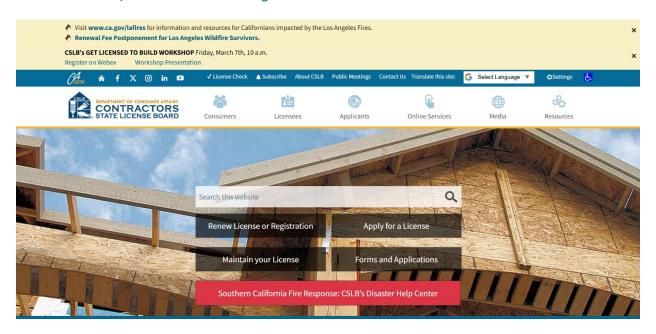
- Class A with Hazardous Substances Removal Certification (HAZ)
- Class B contractors with a HAZ certificate, or
- Contractor with the specific combination of C-21, C-12 license with a HAZ certificate.

The County encourages property owners to verify that contractor's have the appropriate license and certification listed above and that their license is valid and up to date. Property owners should request contractor's experience, check for complaints or disciplinary action, verify bonding and insurance information, and obtain multiple quotes. For further information and resources, please visit the Contractors State License Board's Hire a Licensed Contractor page at: https://www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers/Hire_A_Contractor/.

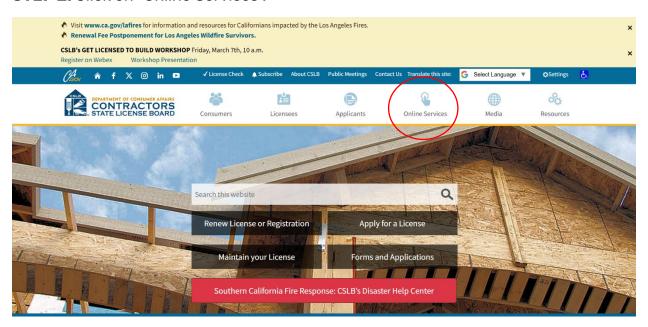
Note, Los Angeles County Public Works does not endorse any licensed contractors to provide debris removal services. Property owners are encouraged to visit the Contractors State License Board for general information regarding contractors: http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Media_Room/Disaster_Help_Center/.

HOW TO SEARCH FOR HAZ CERITIFIED CONTRACTORS:

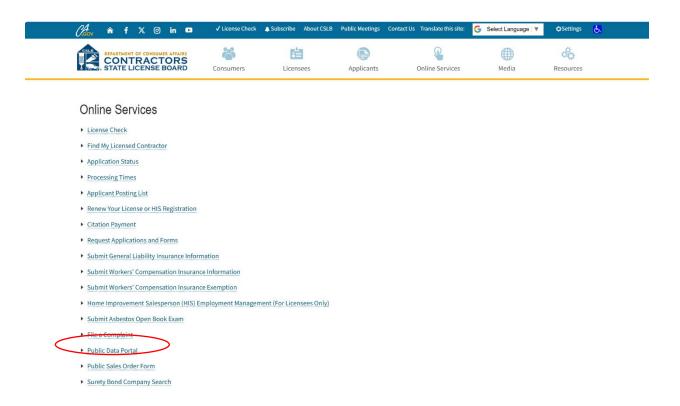
STEP 1: Visit the Department of Consumer Affairs Contractors State License Board website at https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/.



STEP 2: Click on "Online Services".



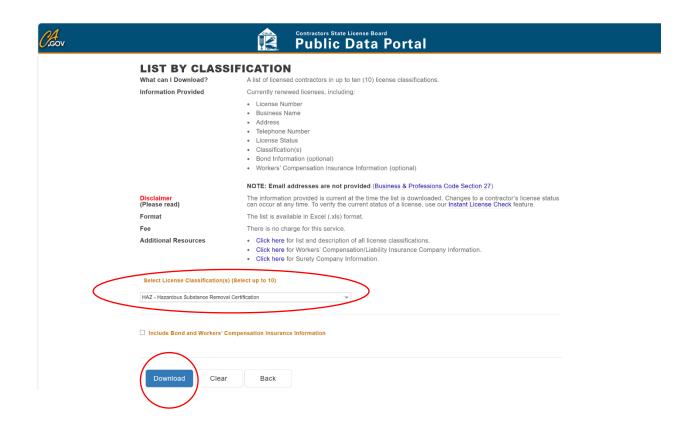
STEP 3: Click on "Public Data Portal".



STEP 4: Click on "LIST of CONTRACTORS by CLASSIFICATION".



STEP 5: Under the "Select License Classification(s)" search bar, scroll down to the bottom and select "HAZ – Hazardous Substances Removal Certification". Once selected, click the "Download" button.



STEP 6: Once downloaded, you will receive information for Contractor's Business Name, License Number, Registered Address, Contact Phone Number, License Classifications, and License Expiration Date.