

Fire Debris Removal Local Program

EPIC-LA Application

To ensure the safety of workers, the public, and the environment, certain protocols must be followed during wildfire recovery when removing structural ash and debris left from the January Wildfire events. The County is offering two ways for property owners to manage the structural fire debris and ash removal from the wildfire disaster: 1) participate in the Government-Run Debris Removal Program (Program) **or** 2) elect to opt-out of the Program and obtain a County Fire Debris Removal Permit prior to removing any structural fire debris. Applications for both options can be found at recovery.lacounty.gov

Property owners who choose not to participate in the Program (or are deemed ineligible) will need to submit an Opt-Out Application **and** register with the County's EPIC-LA Permit Portal to obtain a Fire Debris Removal Permit. Both the owners and contractors will need to have an EPIC-LA Account. To complete the application for a Fire Debris Removal Permit, the applicant will need to upload: 1) a copy of the opt-out form submitted, 2) proof of Phase 1 clearance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and 3) Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) report showing no asbestos present in the waste. EPIC-LA can be accessed at https://epicla.lacounty.gov/energov_prod/SelfService/#/home.

Only Class A or Class B contractors with a Hazardous Substance Removal Certification (HAZ) or contractors with the specific combination of C-21, C-12 with a HAZ certificate issued by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) may be utilized for the Fire Debris Removal Permit. Please visit the CSLB's Disaster Help Center (https://www.cslb.ca.gov/Media_Room/Disaster_Help_Center/) to find an appropriately licensed contractor. Note, the required Hazardous Substance Removal Certification is different from a HAZWOPER training/certification.

Once the Fire Debris Removal Permit is issued, property owners may need to contact their local building department for any rebuilding permit requirements specific to their jurisdiction.

The structural integrity of concrete and masonry will be adversely affected in fire situations, especially when the structure is completely consumed by the fire. The properties of the materials may be irreversible altered deeming it unsatisfactory for reuse in supporting a rebuilt structure.

If foundations remain in place, an approval from the Los Angeles County Building and Safety or the City Building Official will be required prior to reusing the foundation as part of the building permit process for new structures.

Note: If appropriate strengths cannot be determined by testing and analyses by the property owner's engineer, the Building Official may require foundations to be removed at the property owners' expense prior to issuing a building permit.

For properties in the Los Angeles County Building and Safety jurisdiction, please refer to the following:

[https://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/lib/fp/Building/Structural%20and%20Technical/Reuse%20of%20Existing%20Foundation%20Systems%20in%20a%20Fire%20Damaged%20Structure%20\(Rev%202002-2025\).pdf](https://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/lib/fp/Building/Structural%20and%20Technical/Reuse%20of%20Existing%20Foundation%20Systems%20in%20a%20Fire%20Damaged%20Structure%20(Rev%202002-2025).pdf).

For properties in City jurisdictions, please refer to their respective City requirements.

Questions regarding the Fire Debris Removal Local Program Application, contact Los Angeles County Public Works' Local Program Hotline at (888) 479-7328, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm. For addition fire-related resources, visit recovery.lacounty.gov

APPLYING FOR FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL PERMIT

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please have the following documents ready before you begin your Fire Debris Removal Permit application:

- Both the property owner and the HAZ certified contractor have registered with EPIC-LA (see steps below).
- Confirmation of submittal of the Opt-Out form (PDF copy of the completed form or confirmation email received from FireDebrisPermit@dpw.lacounty.gov). Please note, you don't need to have a "Los Angeles County Acknowledgement" signed copy of your Opt-Out form to proceed with applying.
- Proof of Phase I completion by EPA or USACE.
- Report prepared by a Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) confirming no asbestos present (https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/doshcaccsst/caccsst_Query_1.HTML).
 - Note: If asbestos is determined to be present, all asbestos must be abated by a registered asbestos abatement contractor (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/Databases/doshacru/acruList.asp>).
 - Once abatement has been completed, a post-abatement CAC report confirming no asbestos present in the remaining waste is to be completed. For further information about asbestos abatement, visit South Coast AQMD's Asbestos Demolition & Removal website <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/asbestos-demolition-removal>.

STEPS BELOW

STEP 1: After logging on to your account, click the “Appy” button.

The screenshot shows the EPIC LA website dashboard. At the top left is the EPIC LA logo with the text "Los Angeles County Electronic Permitting & Inspections". To the right of the logo is the "COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES" seal. Further right, the user name "kevin phan" is displayed next to a shopping cart icon with "0" items and a globe icon. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with the following menu items: Home (highlighted), Dashboard, Apply, My Work, Request Inspection, Transportation, Building Permit Help, Customer Survey, Map, and Pay Invoices. Below the navigation bar is a blue banner with the text: "Small businesses serving their communities can now apply for streamlined permit and concierge services. Please visit _____". The main content area features a large background image of architectural blueprints and a rolled-up document. The heading "Welcome to EPIC-LA" is centered at the top of this area. Below the heading are six white cards arranged in a 2x3 grid, each with a blue icon and a title. The "Apply" card in the top middle position is circled in red. The cards are: 1. My Account (person icon): "Click here to access your account information." 2. Apply (checklist icon): "This tool will allow you to view permits/plans/licenses that are available to be applied for." 3. Permit/Plan Helper App (building icon): "This tool will help you select the correct permit or plan to apply for." 4. Pay Invoice (dollar sign icon): "Pay for an invoice. An invoice number is required." 5. Search Public Records (magnifying glass icon): "This tool can be used to search for existing permits, plans, inspections, code cases, requests and licenses." 6. Request Inspection (calendar icon): "Click here to request an inspection on an existing record."

STEP 2: Click on “Apply” under Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal, or search “Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal” in the search bar above.

The screenshot shows the EPIC LA application assistant interface. At the top, the logo for EPIC LA (Los Angeles County Electronic Permitting & Inspections) is visible, along with the user name 'kevin phan' and a shopping cart icon. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: Home, Dashboard, Apply, My Work, Request Inspection, Transportation, Building Permit Help, Customer Survey, Map, and Pay Invoices. A secondary menu includes Report, Search, Help, and Calendar.

The main section is titled 'Application Assistant' and includes a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search for application names and keywords'. Below the search bar are several filter buttons: All, Trending, MyHistory, LICENSES, PERMITS, and PLANS. There are also links for 'Show Categories' and 'Show My Templates'.

Two application cards are displayed:

- Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal**: Category Name: * County of Los Angeles Building Permits. Description: Apply here for approval to begin Private Property Debris Removal with a certified contractor. All Asbestos must be abated before debris removal can begin. A Certified Asbestos Consultant Report showing no asbestos onsite is required to be uploaded as part of your application. You will be required to show proof of adequate cleanup including site photos, and weight tickets from approved disposal facilities. An 'Apply' button is circled in red.
- County Rebuild - Temporary Housing Permit**: Category Name: Regional Planning. Description: Rebuilding - Temporary Housing. You may use a recreational vehicle, manufactured home, pre-fab ADU or mobile home as temporary housing if you lived in a legally-established single-family residence, accessory dwelling unit(s), or caretaker's residence that was destroyed or made uninhabitable by a disaster. The temporary housing unit must be set up at least 100 feet away from any debris field. An 'Apply' button is also present.

STEP 3: Click the “+” to add the affected property address you are applying for. You can search by property address or by APN. Only search the address number and street name. Omit any “Drive, Lane, Street, Avenue” suffix or city name in the search bar.

Example:

Actual Address: 3741 Malibu Vista Drive, Malibu, CA 90265

Search: 3741 Malibu Vista

Apply for Permit - Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal **REQUIRED**

1 Locations 2 Type 3 Contacts 4 More Info 5 Attachments 6 Signature 7 Review and Submit

LOCATIONS
Address provided must be site address where fire debris removal will be performed.

Location
Add Location
+
REQUIRED

Create Template Save Draft Next

Back to Application

Add Location

Address Parcel

Add Address As Location Search

Address Information
Search

STEP 4: Follow the prompt when inputting information. Required fields identified with a red asterisk must be completed to continue.

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Search Help Calendar

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PERMIT DETAILS

Please provide a brief description of work to be performed. Please include, number of foundations and structures to be removed, septic tanks, pools, basements, wells/water tanks, and hazard trees.

Do not proceed if you have NOT completed the Opt-Out form.

* Permit Type Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Remov

* Description Remove 2000 SF house, 2 trees, and 1000 SF ADU in rear

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STEP 5: Please add the appropriate contacts to your permit by clicking the “+” for each required field. You may add additional contacts if needed. Contacts identified on this page will have access to the permit for uploading documents and will receive automated email updates about permit status. Both the property owner and licensed contractor must be registered with EPIC-LA to be added as a contact.

Contractors are required to enter their CSLB license number when registering with EPIC-LA. Their CSLB license number will be used to confirm that they have an active Class A or Class B license with HAZ certification or the specific combination of C-21, C-12 license with a HAZ certification at the time of permit issuance. The program will NOT move forward if attempting to add an unregistered contractor or a contractor without the proper license.

The screenshot shows the 'Apply for Permit - Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal' page. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Dashboard, Apply, My Work, Request Inspection, Transportation, Building Permit Help, Map, Pay Invoices, Report, Search, Help, and Calendar. Below the navigation bar is a progress indicator with seven steps: 1. Locations (green checkmark), 2. Type (green checkmark), 3. Contacts (blue circle with '3'), 4. More Info (grey circle with '4'), 5. Attachments (grey circle with '5'), 6. Signature (grey circle with '6'), and 7. Review and Submit (grey circle with '7'). A red asterisk and the word 'REQUIRED' are positioned to the right of the progress indicator.

CONTACTS

Owner and Contractor are required. Contractor must have HAZ certification. EPIC-LA will show an error message if attempting to add an unregistered or uncertified contractor.

Please note: In order to add a contact, they must already have a contact record in our system. If they do not, please have them register for an account first. They can create an account [here](#). Here is a link to the [user guide](#). Contractors are required to enter their certification when registering.

[Find My Licensed Contractor - Search by Location - CSLB](#)

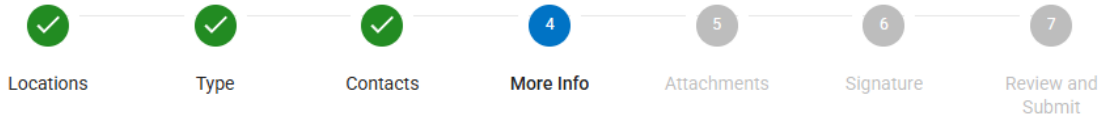
The main content area features four panels. The first panel is titled 'Applicant' and shows a profile for 'CSS User Account' (EPIC-LA Tech Support (You)) with the address '900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA, US, 91803'. The second panel is titled 'Contractor' and has 'Add Contact' and a plus sign, with 'REQUIRED' at the bottom. The third panel is titled 'Owner' and has 'Add Contact' and a plus sign, with 'REQUIRED' at the bottom. The fourth panel is titled 'Applicant' and has a dropdown menu, 'Add Contact', and a plus sign.

At the bottom of the page are four buttons: 'Back', 'Create Template', 'Save Draft', and 'Next'.

STEP 6: Please thoroughly read through all specified prompts and make a selection for each of the acknowledgments required. Then click next to move forward.

Apply for Permit - Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal

***REQUIRED**



MORE INFO

Owner Information

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***Has the Opt-Out form been completed?**

***Acknowledge Opt-Out Form Completed**

Please **DO NOT** proceed with application if the Opt-Out form has **NOT** been completed.

***Property Owner Name**

Property Owner Email Address

Property Owner Phone Number

STEP 7: Click the “+” to upload the following required documents:

- Confirmation of submitted Opt-Out form (PDF copy of the completed form or confirmation email received from Opt-Out@dpw.lacounty.gov).
- Proof of Phase I completion (EPA or USACE).
- Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) report confirming no asbestos present at the property.

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Locations Type Contacts More Info **Attachments** Signature Review and Submit

Attachments
Upload a Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) Report showing no asbestos is present on site.

Approved Opt-Out Application Form
Add Attachment
+
Supported: .jpg, .png, .jpeg, .gif, .tiff, .xls, .xlsx, .text, .zip, .dxf, .dwf, .dwfx, .csv, .rtf, .txt, .mp4, ...
REQUIRED

Certified Asbestos Consultant Report...
Add Attachment
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Supported: .jpg, .png, .jpeg, .gif, .tiff, .xls, .xlsx, .text, .zip, .dxf, .dwf, .dwfx, .csv, .rtf, .txt, .mp4, ...
REQUIRED

Select Type
Add Attachment
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Supported: .jpg, .png, .jpeg, .gif, .tiff, .xls, .xlsx, .text, .zip, .dxf, .dwf, .dwfx, .csv, .rtf, .txt, .mp4, ...

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STEP 8: Please type your name to apply an electronic signature to the application.

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Help Calendar 0

Apply for Permit - Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal *REQUIRED

Locations ✓ Type ✓ Contacts ✓ More Info ✓ Attachments ✓ **Signature 6** Review and Submit 7

SIGNATURE

* Please type your name as consent to electronically sign this application.

Enable Type Signature

kevin phan
February, 12 2025

X Draw Signature Here

STEP 9: Review your application data to verify that all information is accurate, then click submit. Fire Debris Removal activities may begin upon proper notification to Public Works.

Apply for Permit - Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal

***REQUIRED**



Submit

Locations

Location 3741 Malibu Vista Drive Malibu, CA 90265

Parcel Number 4443004038

Basic Info

Type Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal

Description test

Applied Date 02/12/2025

Contacts

Applicant kevin phan
Test LA Public Works
900 S Fremont Ave , Alhambra, CA, , 91754

STEP 10: To check the status of your application, look at the “Status” field when accessing your application on EPIC-LA. For proof of approval, go to the “Attachments” tab and look for “PW – Fire Debris Removal Permit”.

The screenshot displays the EPIC-LA web interface for permit FDR2025000105. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Dashboard', 'Apply', 'My Work', 'Request Inspection', 'Transportation', 'Building Permit Help', 'Map', 'Pay Invoices', 'Report', 'Search', 'Help', and 'Calendar'. The user is logged in as Jonathan Rinella. The permit details section shows the following information:

Type:	Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal	Status:	Issued	Project Name:	
Applied Date:	03/02/2025	Issue Date:	03/02/2025		
District:	SD-3	Assigned To:	PW, Fire Debris	Expire Date:	03/02/2026
Finalized Date:					
Description:	TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST				

The 'Attachments' tab is highlighted with a red circle. Below the tabs, there are three panels: 'Progress' (0% Completed), 'Workflow' (Review Certified Asbestos Report (CAC), Confirm Approved Opt-out Application Received), and 'Available Actions' (Request Inspection). A second 'Attachments' tab is also highlighted with a red circle. The 'Attachments' section shows four files:

Attachment Name	Size	Uploaded	Notes
PW - Fire Debris Removal Permit.pdf	137.94 KB	03/02/2025	Auto attached by system
TEST CAC REPORT.pdf	15.01 KB	03/02/2025	3. Certified Asbestos Consultant Report (CAC)
TEST OPT.pdf	14.91 KB	03/02/2025	2. Confirmation of Opt-Out Form
TEST EPA PHASE I.pdf	14.68 KB	03/02/2025	1. Proof of Phase 1 or Equivalent

An 'Add Attachment' dialog box is open, showing supported file types: .jpg, .png, .jpeg, .gif, .tiff, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .text, .zip, .dxf, .dwf, .dwfx, .pdf, .rtf, .t... A 'Submit' button is visible at the bottom right of the page.

CLOSING OUT FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL PERMIT

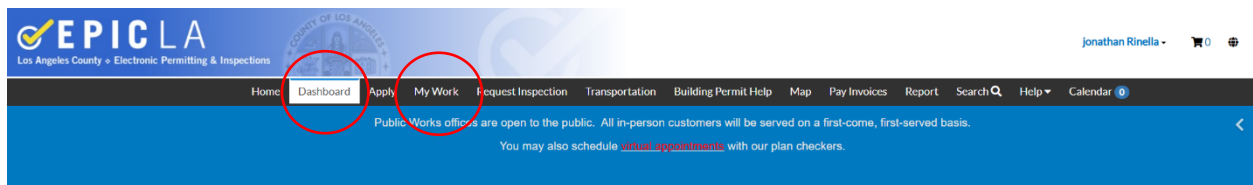
CLOSE OUT PROCESS:

Once fire debris removal activities are completed, please have the following documents ready for upload:

- Site photos of the completed site
- Weight tickets or disposal documents from a certified landfill
- Hazardous Waste Manifest(s) if applicable
- Final Inspection (City jurisdictions only)

Note, failure to provide adequate Post Debris Removal Documentation may result in significant delays in issuance of Final Fire Debris Removal Permit Closure.

STEP 1: Log onto EPIC-LA and go to the Dashboard tab or the My Work tab and locate the Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal application.



My Permits

Attention	Pending	Active	Recent	Draft
1	0	1	1	0
<small>Eaton & Palisades FL... 1</small>		<small>Eaton & Palisades FL... 1</small>	<small>Eaton & Palisades FL... 1</small>	

[View My Permits](#)

My Plans

Attention	Pending	Active	Recent	Draft
0	0	0	0	0

[View My Plans](#)

STEP 2: Go to the Attachments tab. Click the “+” to add all post fire debris removal documentation.

The screenshot displays the EPIC-LA web application interface. At the top, the header includes the EPIC-LA logo, the user name 'Jonathan Rinella', and a navigation menu with options like Home, Dashboard, Apply, My Work, Request Inspection, Transportation, Building Permit Help, Map, Pay Invoices, Report, Search, Help, and Calendar. Below the header, the permit number 'FDR2025000105' is shown. A notification states 'A hold currently exists on this permit.' The main content area is divided into 'Permit Details' and 'Main Menu'. The 'Permit Details' section includes fields for Type (Eaton & Palisades Fire Debris Removal), Status (Issued), Project Name, Applied Date (03/02/2025), Issue Date (03/02/2025), District (SD-3), Assigned To (PW, Fire Debris), Expire Date (03/02/2026), and Description (TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST TEST). Below this are tabs for Summary, Locations, Fees, Inspections, Attachments, Contacts, Sub-Records, Holds, and More Info. The 'Attachments' tab is highlighted with a red circle. The 'Attachments' section shows a list of four documents: 'PW - Fire Debris Removal Permit.pdf' (137.94 KB), 'TEST CAC REPORT.pdf' (15.01 KB), 'TEST OPT.pdf' (14.91 KB), and 'TEST EPA PHASE I.pdf' (14.68 KB). Each document card includes its name, size, upload date, and notes. Below the list is an 'Add Attachment' button with a plus sign, also circled in red. The button lists supported file types: jpg, png, jpeg, gif, zip, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, text, zip, ppt, pptx, pdf, ppt, pptx. A 'Submit' button is located at the bottom right of the attachments section.

Once all documents have been uploaded, contact the County at FireDebrisPermit@dpw.lacounty.gov to notify staff that all post debris removal documents have been uploaded for review. Please be sure to include the property address, Fire Debris Removal permit number, and clearly state that all documentation has been uploaded to EPIC-LA. Once review has been completed, Final Fire Debris Removal Permit Closure will be provided.