

Lincoln County Solid Waste District WILDFIRE 2020

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Monitoring and tracking fire debris is critical for reimbursement (through insurance and/or FEMA and for gaining future permits for the site. **The expectation is that homeowners will track all debris removed from the site and provide proof of proper disposal.** The County is developing courtesy forms so homeowners can easily track debris removal in each of the 5 fire debris categories.

1. **Inert Debris** - Concrete, bricks, and rubble



Inerts exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Once free of ash, self-haul to a local transfer station, order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal. Track all concrete debris removed from property. *A Courtesy CONCRETE DEBRIS FORM will be available soon.*

2. **Woody Debris** - wood that is not treated or painted, yard debris and fallen trees



Woody debris exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Once free of ash, self-haul to a local transfer station, order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal. Woody debris may be chipped on site and used for groundcover. Track all woody debris removed from property. *A Courtesy WOODY DEBRIS FORM will be available soon.*

3. **Metals** – All metals exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Separate metals into three categories (note: see Household Hazardous Waste for propane tanks and ammo)



- Vehicles – Keep separated from other metals. Once free of ash, self-haul to a certified wrecking yard (*A list of local certified yards is in the works*) or use a qualified auto wrecker to remove vehicles from the property (*A list of local certified wreckers is in the works*). NOTE special rules apply for tracking the title/VIN number. (*Information is in the works*)



- Appliances containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) – Once free of ash, keep separated from other metals. Appliances containing freon may be self-hauled to a local transfer station, or removed by a qualified contractor. Track all appliances removed from property. *A Courtesy APPLIANCE DEBRIS FORM will be available soon.*



- Scrap Metals – Once free of ash, self-haul to a local transfer station, order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal. *A Courtesy SCRAP METAL FORM will be available soon.*

4. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** – Locally accepted materials: Latex Paint, Batteries, Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Medical Waste, Propane Tanks, Mercury (thermometers/thermostats), E-waste (computers/monitors/etc)



All waste exposed to asbestos debris must have all ash removed by a qualified asbestos contractor prior to disturbance. Once free of ash, self-haul the items listed above to a local transfer station. Other items such as fertilizers or household chemicals may be self-hauled to qualified Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Track all HHW removed from property. A *Courtesy HHW FORM will be available soon.*

Ash Debris – ashy debris from burned homes, barns, and structures potentially containing asbestos



If the home was built AFTER 2004 – Proof of construction after 2004 from Building Department must accompany each load. Self-haul ash debris to landfill (fire ash is not accepted at local transfer stations at this time), order a drop box from North Lincoln Sanitary, or use a qualified contractor for removal. Track all ash debris removed from property. A *Courtesy 2004+ ASHY DEBRIS FORM will be available soon.*



If the home was built prior to 2004 and destroyed in the fire, the ash most likely contains asbestos*. Homeowners may choose to hire an asbestos inspector or may skip the inspection and simply assume all ashy debris contains asbestos. Either way, for the removal of the ashy debris from the site the **recommendation is to hire a qualified asbestos contractor**. DIY clean up and self-haul and is not recommended and requires specific handling/disposal rules to be followed. Track all ash/asbestos debris removed from property. A *Courtesy ASH/ASBESTOS DEBRIS FORM will be available soon.*



Standard Process – cleanup/self-haul with normal safety precautions



Specialized Process – careful attention required for proper/safe cleanup, handling, or disposal

** When asbestos-containing material is disturbed and improperly handled, tiny hazardous fibers are released into the air and may cause lung cancer and other illnesses. **There's no known safe level of exposure to asbestos.***