



Plumas County Fire Debris Removal

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DATE: September 22, 2021

TO: Dixie Fire/Beckwourth Complex Fire Property Owners

FROM: Plumas County Debris Removal Team

SUBJECT: Right of Entry (Government) Cleanup Program Available until November 15, 2021

Dear Property Owner:

We understand that your home (or another structure greater than 120 square feet) was destroyed or severely damaged in the Dixie Fire. The fire has been a terrible tragedy for residents of Plumas County. We are sorry for the loss you and those close to you have experienced.

One of the first steps to recover from this tragedy is to remove ash and debris from affected properties. Because the ash and debris from burned structures contains hazardous materials, it is harmful to people, animals and the environment. It must be handled properly and also must be disposed of in a certified waste management facility located outside of Plumas County. This is expensive but the Consolidated Debris Removal Program, also known as the Right of Entry or ROE program can help.

Through this program, homeowners and others can have debris and hazard trees (a hazard to the public right-of-way or to workers removing debris) removed from their property **at no out-of-pocket cost to the homeowner.** It is important to note that this program will also remove hazards trees (as defined), even if your structure was not damaged.

How to Enroll in the ROE Program

To enroll in the program, homeowners will need to complete a permit package called the **Right of Entry packet or ROE**. This packet is available on-line and can be either downloaded or completed and returned electronically. The packet is found at:

https://plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/37759/Plumas-County-ROE-2021-Final_fillable

We can also mail a packet to you or it can be picked up in person at the Environmental Health Office at 270, County Hospital Road Suite 127 in Quincy.

When completed, the ROE will allow the County, State and its contractors to enter the affected property to manage all aspects of ash and structural debris assessment and disposal on behalf of the property owner.

To complete the packet, homeowners will need to include the Assessor's Parcel Number or APN for the property. This is typically found on documents such as a tax bill. The program also asks property owners who have insurance to provide us with the name of the Insurance Agency under which the property is insured, the policy number, the face page of the policy and the clause in the

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policy that covers debris removal if there is one. These items are needed because when debris removal is completed, the County will coordinate benefits for the portion of insurance pertaining to debris removal. If there are no remaining funds, the property owner will owe nothing.

It is important to note that debris removal costs often exceed insurance limits. **With the ROE program, there is no out-of-pocket expense for the property owners.** Similarly, if you are uninsured you are still eligible for this help with no out-of-pocket expense.

So don't delay. Property owners must opt into the ROE program. However, if you do not sign up for the ROE program, you must hire a contractor and environmental consultant and you must clean up your property at your own expense.

How to Get More Information

You can get more information on the Plumas County Consolidated Debris Removal Program using any of the methods below:

Visit the Plumas County Home Page at www.CountyofPlumas.com Click the selection for Dixie Fire and then Debris Removal.

Call the Debris Removal Center: 530-283-7080

E-Mail Us: ROE@CountyofPlumas.com

**Write or Visit: Plumas County Debris Removal Center
270 County Hospital Road
Quincy, CA 95971**

Again, we want to express our concerns and sorrow for Plumas County residents who've lost homes and suffered damage to their property as a result of this terrible disaster. And we want to encourage you to enroll in this program that will help you to remove hazardous debris because it will begin the process for recovery, help to keep you, your neighbors and the community safe from the spread of hazardous materials left in the fire's wake and, most importantly, it can be done at no cost to the homeowner.

Sincerely,



Gerald Sipe,
Plumas County Debris Removal Team