

Fire Debris Handling and Removal Information

Ash & Burn Debris

(Considered as Hazardous Debris until tested)

Debris and ash from residential and commercial fires are likely hazardous and may contain toxic substances due to the presence of synthetic and hazardous materials (*e.g. lead paint, asbestos*). The City of Santa Paula is working to secure assistance from State agencies that would ensure proper handling and disposal of household hazardous waste products as well as burned debris and ash from the fire. In the meantime, please do not dispose any of these material in any of your curbside containers. State agencies have begun the process the City and the County of Ventura already, but please be patient as this process unfolds. In the meantime, in order to protect your health and the health of your neighbors, you should NOT begin any debris removal at this time without the involvement of the City, County or State agencies. Please refer to the official advisories and requirements regarding safety precautions related to re-entry and debris/ash removal. Until all hazardous wastes are removed and the property is cleared of debris and all contaminated soil has been removed, no building permits will be issued. A demolition permit is required for private cleanups. Normal curbside pickup will continue as usual.