ATTENTION: PROPERTY OWNER ACTION REQUIRED

OPTION 1: GOVERNMENT DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM
The Government Sponsored Debris Removal Program will be completed by CalOES and CalRecycle working for
and under the direction of FEMA. The government option is done at no cost to the property owner. However, if
owners have fire debris removal insurance, they are required to assign that portion of the insurance proceeds to the
County to cover the cost of debris removal. In order to be included in the Government Sponsored Debris Removal
Program, please fill out the Right of Entry Permit (ROE). Link to ROE Permit is provided below.

https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=97669

Anticipated Start Date: It is anticipated that the Government Sponsored Debris Removal Program will begin field
work the first of December. If you have already submitted the ROE Permit, please disregard this notice.

DEADLINE:
Right-of-Entry Permits for residents choosing to participate in the Government Debris
Removal Program must do so by December 15, 2020 @ 5:00pm.

Right of Entry Permit: Property owner(s) fill out and execute the Right of Entry permit and provide specific
instructions for the Government Program and/or its contractor for the work plan.

All debris removal activities under the Government Program will be provided at no direct cost to the
property owner(s).
1. Asbestos Inspection and Removal: Government Program tests properties for asbestos and removes large
obvious chunks of asbestos material.
2. Site Documentation: Government Program actor documents the state of the property before removal of debris,
including details such as property size, units in an apartment building, number of cars, etc.
3. Ash and Debris Cleanup: Government Program remove all debris and ash and scrape the lot clean.
Government Program will contact owners before this step occurs.
4. Hazardous Tree Removal: Government Program remove hazardous trees on the property that may
compromise the safety of crews working on the site or hinder the debris clean-up process.
5. Erosion Control: Government Program implements erosion control measures as needed for each cleaned
property.
6. Cleanup Certification: The State will issue a "Clean" certificate to the County.

OPTION 2: PRIVATE DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM
If property owners elect not to participate in the Government Program, they are still required to remediate the
property and remove the burn debris at their own expense, comply with all applicable requirements, and do so in a
timely manner. The property owners will not be reimbursed with public funds for the remediation and debris
removal.
Property owners opting out of the Government Program must submit the Opt-Out Waiver, 2020 Wildfire Rebuild Application, and work plan to Monterey County for approval prior to commencing debris removal. Submission of the Opt-Out waiver, Application and Work Plan is not a permission to begin debris removal; Once the Application and Work Plan have been reviewed and approved by the Environmental Health Bureau, RMA will issue a Demolition Permit to begin debris removal will be issued to the property owner.

Property owners will not be allowed to rebuild on their property until the County has issued a certification of completion of the Private Program.

**Private Debris Removal Program Requirements**

Applications from Property Owners choosing the Private Program option will be processed starting October 27, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

**Removal Steps**

1. **Begin Rebuild Process:** To begin the rebuilding and debris removal process, contact the Monterey County Resource Management Agency (Phone: (831) 784-5689 | Email: escobar@co.monterey.ca.us | 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901).

2. **Choose the right Contractor:** Property owners are required to choose a contractor with the proper California Contractors State License Board (CSTL) licensing and certifications to perform the ash and debris cleanup work, including hazardous material and asbestos removal. The CSLB website has information to assist property owners with requirements. In addition to a contractor, fire debris removal will require the support of Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) as well as an Environmental Consultant. It is recommended that property owners verify that contractors and consultants have adequate insurance and that the owner is included as an additional insured under the contractor’s insurance policy for the cleanup work.

3. **Opt-Out Waiver:** Property owners choosing not to participate in the Government Program must submit an Opt-Out Waiver. Waivers will begin being processed October 27, 2020. **Note:** The submission of this waiver is not a permission to begin debris removal.

4. **Application/ Work plan:** Property owners are required to work with their contractor to prepare an Application and work plan for the Private Program using the Debris Removal Requirements guidelines. Applications will begin being processed October 27, 2020. **Note:** The submission of the Application and Work Plan is not a permission to begin debris removal; Once the Application and Work Plan have been reviewed and approved by the Environmental Health Bureau, a letter authorizing permission to begin debris removal will be issued to the property owner.

5. **Site Preparation/ Documentation:** Property owners, with their contractor, are required to document, photograph and measure the property and notify utilities as described more fully below.

6. **Ash and Debris Cleanup:** Property owners, through their contractor, are required to clean the property of ash and debris and remove asbestos and/or hazardous waste. Property owners are required to take dust prevention measures, grade soil, test soil samples, remove appliances, remove cars, and take erosion control measures.

7. **Foundation Removal or Retention:** Property owners, through their contractor, are required to remove the structural foundation or provide a letter from a licensed Civil or Structural Engineer certifying that the foundation is suitable for rebuilding, with an explanation and supporting evidence. The decision as to whether the explanation is adequate is in the sole discretion of the Building Official.

8. **Cleanup Certification:** Following completion of the cleanup work, property owners, with their contractor, are required to submit a final report to the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau for review. The Environmental Health Bureau will issue a certificate of clearance if the cleanup has met the Private Program standards. The decision as to whether the cleanup has met the Private Program standards is in the sole discretion of the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau.

**Note:** Due to the dangers to the public health, welfare and environment, if property owners choose not to participate in the Government Program and also do not complete an adequate cleanup through the Private Contractor Program, they may be subject to enforcement actions and the County may abate the condition within the unincorporated territory of the County of Monterey. The costs shall be charged to the Owner(s) and the County may, at its option, recover the same in an administrative or civil action. Such charges shall be in addition to any penalty for a violation of this Ordinance.

If you have already started Option1 or Option 2 please disregard this notice.