



Integrated Waste Management Department

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Fire Debris Disposal Information

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Temporary dumpster service may be obtained from any of the following waste disposal companies (listed in alphabetical order) that are contracted by the County to provide service in your area. Rates are set individually by hauler.

CR&R, Inc	877-728-0446
Federal Disposal	714-259-0908
R&S Dumping and Construction Clean-up	714-633-6655
Rainbow Disposal Co., Inc	714-847-3581
Robert's Waste and Recycling	714-557-2533
Ware Disposal Company, Inc	714-664-0677
Waste Management of Orange County, Inc	714-480-2300

Reimbursement for disposal fees paid for fire-related debris must be handled by the property owner through their homeowner insurance or other reimbursement channels. Affected residents are advised to identify and follow any procedures provided by their private insurers and/or FEMA (www.fema.gov) related to reimbursement for the cost of disposing of fire debris.

Handling of Ash Deposits

Careful clean-up after fires is important in order to avoid creating further impacts on public health and the environment. You may dispose of collected ash in your regular trash collection. Use the following guidelines when handling ash:

- Do not allow children to play in the ash or with unwashed toys.
- Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts and long pants to avoid skin contact.
- Wear well-fitting dust masks. Those rated N-95 or P-100 provide better protection than simple dust or surgical masks.
- Use a small amount of water during ash clean up to limit the redistribution of ash and dust into the air.
- Clean ash off house pets.
- Do not use leaf blowers or non-HEPA filter vacuums.
- Rinse home-grown fruit or vegetables thoroughly before eating them.

Double bag the ash into plastic bags or other containers that will prevent it from being redistributed into the environment by wind or rain. Seal all bags.

Wildfire Clean-Up Guidance

Additional guidelines for the wildfire clean-up effort are available online at www.oilandfills.com or by calling the Integrated Waste Management Department at 714-834-4176.

Proper Disposal of Hazardous Materials

It is important to keep hazardous waste out of the landfills. Hazardous materials should not be commingled with ash and non-hazardous debris. When it is safe to do so, safely separate the following materials to ensure safe handling and disposal:

- Aerosols (paint, cleaners, lubricants)
- Automotive Products (antifreeze, oil, fluids, filters)
- Batteries (Alkalines, Rechargeable, & Button-type)
- Cell & Cordless Phones
- Cleaning Products (oven, window, drain, polishes)
- Computer Monitors (CRTs & flatscreens)
- Computers/CPUs/Laptops
- Cosmetics (nail polish & remover)
- Digital Cameras
- Digital Thermometers
- Electronics (containing circuit board or batteries)
- DVD Players
- Fluorescent Lamps (tubes & compacts) and ballasts
- Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- Hand Held Electronic Devices (PDAs, MP3 Players, etc.)
- Herbicides
- Hobby Supplies (paint, glue, photo-chemicals)
- Latex Paint
- Medicines
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Microwave Ovens (home use)
- Oil-base Paint
- Paint Products (solvents, varnish, strippers)
- Personal Care Products (hair dyes, sprays, lotions)
- Pesticides (traps, baits, sprays, aerosols)
- Polishes and Waxes (auto and household)
- Pool and Spa Chemicals
- Printer/Copier/Scanner/Fax (home use, desktop)
- Propane (camping and BBQ)
- Radios - all types (car & home)
- Stereos (no speakers)
- Televisions (CRTs & flatscreens)
- VCRs
- Video Game Consoles & Accessories
- Radios - all types (car & home)
- Wood Preservatives (lacquer, waterproof sealant)

Separation of these materials during the recovery effort is very important. All hazardous materials should be directed to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers (HHWCC) located throughout Orange County:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Anaheim	Huntington Beach	Irvine	San Juan Capistrano
1071 N. Blue Gum Street Anaheim, CA 92806	17121 Nichols Street Huntington Beach, CA 92647	6411 Oak Canyon Irvine, CA 92618	32250 La Pata Avenue San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Transportation regulations apply to all loads arriving at HHWCCS. A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds may be transported per vehicle, per trip (Dept. of Transportation Requirement)

Centers are open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; closed rainy days. Recorded information about household hazardous waste disposal (locations, hours and accepted wastes) is also available at 714-834-6752.

During the 120-day emergency recovery period (through February 27, 2008) HHWCCs will temporarily accept hazardous waste from contractors serving fire victims. Contractors must provide the address of the fire-damaged or destroyed home from which the waste originates.

If you are unable to utilize the collection centers, the County of Orange can provide free assistance to separate and pick-up household hazardous waste for fire victims who request such service. Hazardous waste must be separated from non-hazardous debris prior to pick-up. To arrange for pick-up please call 714-834-4176. This service will be available during the 120-day emergency recovery period (through February 27, 2008).

Additional Recovery Information Resources

Additional information, including links to other sites, is available from the Integrated Waste Management Department Website, www.oilandfills.com, or by calling the Department at 714-834-4176. If you are unable to access the Internet at work or home you may visit your local public library for Internet access, or call us and we will send you more information about disposing of fire debris.