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Hazardous Material Cleanup in Concow to Start Next Week

News Release

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Oroville, CA — Starting Monday, August 4, contractors working for Butte County and the State Department of Toxic Substance Control will begin the assessment and cleanup of asbestos and household hazardous waste in the Concow area. Contractors will also complete assessment and cleanup of additional properties in the Humboldt and Ophir Fire areas. To take advantage of this free service, fire victims in the Concow, Humboldt, and Ophir fire areas must sign and submit the Right of Entry form by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 5.

“Fire victims are strongly encouraged to submit the Right of Entry form before the deadline so contractors can clean their property before they leave the area at the end of next week,” said Vance Severin, Deputy Director of Environmental Health. “Otherwise, property owners will be responsible for their own cleanup. We have received over 60 Right of Entry forms and hope that every fire victim can take advantage of this free service.”

Information about the County’s cleanup and recovery efforts, including the necessary forms for the cleanup, can be obtained at the Fire Assistance Center located at 7 County Center Drive in Oroville. (530) 538-6499. The forms also can be submitted at this location.

Property owners who have participated in the asbestos and hazardous waste removal program but do not have adequate insurance coverage for debris removal are eligible for additional assistance with debris disposal. Property owners who have signed the necessary Participation forms and provided copies of their insurance policy will be provided free bins by the County for disposal of residual ash and fire debris. When property owners have filled the bins, the County will transport them to the landfill for disposal at no charge. The landfill will also arrange to pickup and transport burned appliances for recycling. This is only possible if property owners are signed up as part of the free program, which requires they do so immediately.

Since many fire victims have been displaced from their homes and may not always have access to media, residents are strongly encouraged to share this information with their family, friends, and neighbors.



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