



# PALISADES FIRE

## TRASH AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Our hearts go out to the residents affected by the Palisades Fire. To assist with the cleanup, Los Angeles County would like to offer the following information:

### FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL

**Residents should not attempt to remove hazardous fire debris themselves.** Post-fire house debris is hazardous because it can contain toxic materials like asbestos, lead, mercury, chemicals from household products, and other heavy metals which are released into the ash and debris when structures burn. These materials pose a risk to health if inhaled or handled improperly.

The County has requested state and federal assistance to expedite recovery activities and ensure the safe removal of the household hazardous waste and fire debris from structures destroyed by the fire. More detailed information about the debris removal program will be released as it becomes available. Residents should visit [Recovery.lacounty.gov](http://Recovery.lacounty.gov) for the latest information.

Household trash can be disposed through residential trash services. Please see general guidelines below for assistance. As a reminder, guidance for ash clean up in areas without fire damage can be found on the [Health Fact Sheet—Returning Home After a Fire](#) which can be found at [publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov).

### RESIDENTIAL TRASH SERVICES

**Residential trash collection services were interrupted by the Palisades Fire and will resume as soon as evacuation orders are lifted and roads reopen. The following information applies to customers in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area:**

#### Household Trash

- **Black bins** (general waste) – animal and food waste, disposable diapers, cloth/fabric, & non-recyclable items.
- **Blue bins** (Recyclable items) – cans, glass bottles, plastics labeled #1-7, & newspaper/magazines/junk mail.
- **Green bins** - Grass, leaves, brush, & tree trimmings.

Place your trash bins for collection on regular trash day. Damaged bins should be reported for replacement.

Any excess waste that will not fit in your bins may be placed in bags (5 max) on your trash day; call waste hauler at least 24-hours in advance. Clearly label the bags as **Black**, **Blue** or **Green** bin waste.

#### Rotten Food

Public Health recommends the following:

- ✓ If the power outage lasted several hours, it is best to throw away perishable food items such as meat, dairy products and eggs.
- ✓ Items that have thawed in the freezer should be thrown away. Do not re-freeze thawed food. All other food items should be inspected to ensure safety.
- ✓ Remember, “if in doubt, throw it out.”



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### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Includes any product labeled toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, combustible or irritant, such as:

Air fresheners, antifreeze, batteries, chlorine bleach, compact fluorescent light bulbs, disinfectants, drain cleaners, fertilizers, gasoline, window cleaners, hair spray, insecticides, medicines, nail polish and remover, pool chemicals, sharps waste, spray paints, tub/tile/toilet cleaners, and used motor oil.

**Do not dispose of any HHW in your Black trash bins.**

- Properties with damaged or destroyed structures will have HHW removed by agency contractors as part of Phase I HHW Removal Process
- If your property was not directly impacted by the fire, you may dispose of HHW by taking it to:
  - ⇒ EDCO Recycling & Transfer  
[2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill](#)  
January 25, between 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
  - ⇒ any permanent collection centers

Contact [CleanLA.com](#) or 888-CleanLA for more locations.

### Fire Debris

Includes:

- ◇ Burnt structural components
- ◇ Burnt household and personal items
- ◇ Foundations
- ◇ Contaminated soil

**Do not disturb any fire debris at this time.**

County approval will be required prior to removing fire debris.

## COMMERCIAL TRASH SERVICES

Commercial trash collection services (including residents using dumpster) were interrupted by the Palisades Fire and will resume as soon as evacuation orders are lifted and roads reopen. You should then expect trash service on your normal collection day(s). If you need any special services, please contact your waste hauler.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Waste Management  
(800) 675-1171  
[WM.com](#)

Universal Waste Systems  
(800) 631-7016  
[UWScompany.com](#)

Los Angeles County Public Works  
888 Clean LA (888-253-2652)  
[CleanLA.com](#)