



## COURTESY NOTICE: CAMP FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL VIOLATION

March 19, 2018



We understand your home (or other qualifying structure<sup>1</sup>) was destroyed in the Camp Fire. The fire has been a terrible tragedy for our community, and we are sorry for your loss. As part of the recovery and cleanup process, we are following up with property owners about debris removal. The ash and debris from the burned structures contain hazardous materials that can be harmful to people, animals and the environment. We need your help to clean up the community – to protect the public and environment from the hazardous materials, to help your neighbors begin rebuilding and to allow local businesses to recover and serve the community.

Our records indicate that you did not sign up for a debris removal program by date of this letter. Failure to participate in a debris removal program is a violation of Chapter 53, Article II. Debris Removal of the Butte County Code. Section 53-16 requires property owners to do one of the following:

- (1) Complete a Right-of-Entry permit to enroll in the Government Fire Debris Removal Program (Government Program) with no out-of-pocket cost to the property owner; or
- (2) Contract with a properly licensed contractor and consultants and submit an Application for the Alternative Fire Debris Removal Program (Alternative Program).

## **Contact Butte County**

Please contact Butte County by **April 15**, **2019** to complete the Right-of-Entry form for the Government Program or complete the Alternative Program Application to sign up for debris removal and come into compliance with County Code. If you have already submitted the required forms for one of these programs, or no structures 120 square feet or greater burned on your property, please contact us as soon as possible, but no later than **April 15**, **2019**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Qualifying structures are 120 square feet or greater.

You can contact Butte County using any of the methods below. Please reference your case number when you contact the County.

Call	Email	Write	Visit
(530) 552-3155	debrisremoval@ButteCounty.net	Butte County	Butte County
		Attn: Fire Debris Removal	202 Mira Loma Drive
		202 Mira Loma Drive	Oroville, CA 95965
		Oroville, CA 95965	Monday – Friday
			8:00 am to 5:00 pm

You can also access information about the Government Program and the Alternative Program, and download the required forms, at <a href="https://www.buttecountyrecovers.org/debrisremoval">www.buttecountyrecovers.org/debrisremoval</a>.

Please note if you fail to enter into a program to remove fire debris, your property will be deemed a nuisance and a health hazard and you will be subject to enforcement pursuant to the Butte County Code and/or any other available legal remedies. The removal of fire debris is required to maintain the health and safety of your property, your community, and the County. Butte County cannot allow fire debris to remain, so the County must take steps to assure it is removed.

Enforcement actions may include, but are not limited to: recording a Notice of Violation or Notice of Noncompliance on your property, which will cloud title to your property; imposing financial penalties and fines on you personally for failing to allow fire debris to be removed from your property; and/or a Nuisance Abatement action to clean the property, with costs for the cleanup and enforcement placed as a lien on your property.

Please contact Butte County so we may help you sign up for debris removal and get your property cleaned of fire debris. Thank you for coming into compliance and supporting Butte County's recovery.

Respectfully,

Shari McCracken Chief Administrative Officer Butte County

