

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is leading the survey, collection and disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) at properties affected by the North Complex Fire in Butte County.

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste/Bulk Asbestos to be removed during Phase 1 Debris Removal

• Paint

Cleaners

Solvents

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- Fluorescent Light Ballasts
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Fire Extinguishers

Suspect Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) that can be removed in less than an hour (example: Transite Siding, Floor Tile, etc.)

- Oils
- Pesticides

Batteries

Herbicides

Propane Cylinders

- Acrosol Cons
- Aerosol Cans

Why is Household Hazardous Waste removed?

Following a fire, household hazardous waste products require special handling and disposal, especially if their containers are compromised. Household hazardous waste may pose a threat to human health, animals and the environment. Household hazardous waste removal will clear the way for proper removal of ash and debris, allowing the rebuilding process to begin. Phase 1 debris removal is being conducted at no cost to property owners.

How will I know when the process has started and been completed?

US EPA crews will post a sign on each property when the Household Hazardous Waste removal is complete. In addition, US EPA will provide a public storyboard on the web that will track Phase I Completion.

Other Colors, Stakes and Symbols

- White Stake and Signage: Site has been cleared of Household Hazardous Waste
- White X Mark: Empty Household Hazardous Waste container or cylinder
- White MT Mark: Fuel tank was empty, or contents transferred
- Pink Paint: Suspect Asbestos Containing Material that would take more than an hour to remove and will be left in place
- Orange Paint: Septic system location or damaged transformer