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Disaster Clean up Refuse Vehicle Permit FAQs

- Who needs a Refuse Vehicle Permit?
 - Any vehicle hauling fire debris ash or solid waste (as defined by local ordinance) is required to obtain a Refuse Vehicle Permit and inspection
- If I am hauling scrap metal or concrete only do I need a Refuse Vehicle Permit?
 - No, these materials are considered exempt from permitting by the local ordinance.
- How do I apply for a Refuse Vehicle Permit?
 - Complete a Refuse Vehicle Permit Application and submit a permit fee in the amount of \$360 per vehicle to:
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- When do I receive my permit?
 - Once we receive your application or notification, we will contact you to schedule an inspection. If your vehicle passes the inspection, the vehicle will receive a sticker on the vehicle and receive an inspection report and permit in the mail.
- How long is the Refuse Vehicle permit/sticker valid?
 - 12 months based on the month permitted
- What do you look for during a refuse truck inspection?
 - Vehicle well maintained and of good construction
 - No leaking waste or fluids
 - The company/owner name on the vehicle
 - Proper equipment available
 - Spill kit or cat litter
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Broom and shovel
 - Secure load tarping system
- I have worked during other fire disasters hauling ash and debris and I did not have to pay for refuse vehicle inspection/permit.
 - Sonoma County Code, Chapter 22-8 states that no person shall use any vehicle for collecting, hauling or transporting solid waste or biosolids on any public highway within the county without first obtaining a vehicle permit from the local enforcement agency.