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:
    - County of Sonoma Department of Health Services
      Environmental Health
      625 5th Street
      Santa Rosa, CA 95404
      (707) 565-6565

- 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.