



Bruce Barton
Director

Dear Resident,

The first phase of Riverside County's property cleanup program for the Airport Fire has been completed. Now the second (and final) phase is about to start. This phase will be conducted free of charge by the County of Orange. Unlike the first cleanup phase, which was State-mandated as it involved household hazardous waste, your participation in the second phase is optional and requires your permission to join. The next steps are outlined below.

As a property owner, you can either join the County of Orange's free cleanup program by signing and submitting the attached Right-of-Entry (ROE) form before the Friday, February 28, 2025 deadline, or you can work with your insurance carrier or a private contractor to clear the property at your own expense. Insured property owners who choose to join the government-sponsored cleanup program will need to file a claim and assign any insurance proceeds for debris and hazard tree removal to the County of Orange in accordance with State and Federal law. Instructions are on the ROE form. Regardless of your choice, please keep in mind that properties must be cleaned up or property owners may be subject to Code Enforcement review.

Should you decide to join the County of Orange's program, County of Orange representatives will review and approve your ROE form, then coordinate a cleanup start date with you and Orange County Public Works (OCPW).

During the second phase of the debris removal program, all remaining materials will be removed, including foundations, ash, non-retaining walls and burned vehicles. The remaining soil will be leveled and tested to ensure the property is fully remediated and ready for rebuilding.

Thank you for your patience with the wildfire debris cleanup process as we head into the final stretch. If you have any questions about the ROE form or next steps, please contact Diana Swartz, Airport Fire Recovery Manager, on her cell (714) 750-6049 or via email at diana.swartz@ocgov.com.

Sincerely,

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