

BOREL FIRE RECOVERY PHASE I

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL

Led by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Phase I clean-up consists of the survey, collection, and disposal of household hazardous waste at properties affected by the Borel Fire in an effort to prevent contaminants from polluting the environment and harming people and animals.

Cal OES teams will review and prioritize watersheds at the highest risk for post-fire runoff contamination and coordinate with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to install emergency protective measures which provide sediment and erosion control to prevent the movement of debris and ash.

PHASE 1 FAST FACTS:

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) materials include items like:
 - Lead-acid and household batteries
 - Bulk pesticides and fertilizers
 - Paint, thinners and aerosol cans
 - Asbestos siding, pipe insulation, and floor tiles
 - Compressed gas cylinders and pool chemicals
- Phase I is provided at no cost to property owners for properties affected by the Borel Fire.
- HHW poses a significant threat to human health, animals, and the environment.
- Cal OES will be installing emergency protective measures such as straw wattles, compost socks, and silt fences in areas at high risk for post-fire runoff contamination.
- Right of entry is not required for Phase 1. If Kern County is approved for Phase 2, residents will need to apply for and provide permission for Phase 2 clean-up to occur on their property.



When does Phase I begin and how will I know when the assessment has been completed?

Phase I will begin on Monday, August 26, 2024 and is expected to take approximately 4 weeks to complete. DTSC will post a sign on each property when the HHW removal is complete.

Stakes, Symbols and other markers you may find after your property assessment is complete:

White Stake and Signage: Site has been cleared of HHW

Pink Paint: Suspect asbestos containing material

White MT Mark: Fuel tank was empty or contents transferred

White X Mark: Empty HHW container or cylinder

Orange Paint: Septic system location or damaged transformer

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Household Hazardous Waste Removal



Other Colors, Stakes and Symbols



White Stake and Signage:
Site has been cleared of
Household Hazardous
Waste

Pink Paint:

Suspect Asbestos Containing Material that would take more than an hour to remove and will be left in place



White MT Mark:
Fuel tank was empty, or
contents transferred



White X Mark:
Empty Household Hazardous
Waste container or cylinder

Orange Paint:
Septic system location or
damaged transformer