

## **Woolsey Fire Debris Removal Update**

The fire started on November 8, 2019, burning nearly 97,000 acres, including thousands of acres of Santa Monica Mountains open space. The fire destroyed or damaged more than 2,000 structures. The removal of fire debris from burned structures, damaged foundations, and impacted soils resulting from the Woolsey, Hill, and Camp Fires is a monumental task and a County priority. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the California Department of Resource Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle), and local agencies within the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties are working together to provide programs for residents to remove debris in an efficient and safe manner.

CalOES and CalRecycle deployed about **30 crews** in Los Angeles County to remove the debris for residents who have opted-in to the Government-Sponsored Program. A total of **938** properties in Los Angeles County were registered and assessed by CalOES and **826** of those properties have been cleared of debris and are ready for rebuilding.

Property owners who elected to clear fire debris themselves have applied for the County's Local Fire Debris Removal Program (opt-out) which provides the key components to manage a fire debris removal activity in an efficient and safe manner. A total of **438** property owners have applied to conduct debris operations themselves or with a contractor.

Overall, in Los Angeles County, there were 1,376 properties participating in debris removal efforts as of July 19, 2019. Of the aforementioned properties, 938 applications for debris removal and property access have been reviewed and processed for the Government Sponsored Program (opt-in), while another 438 property owners have elected to clear their own properties (opt-out). The Government Sponsored Program (opt-in) program is scheduled to end by July 30, 2019 and the Local Fire Debris Removal Program (opt-out) is scheduled to end by August 30, 2019.

For more detailed information regarding the debris removal programs or other recovery programs available, please refer to <https://www.lacounty.gov/LACountyRecovers/> or call the Woolsey Fire hotline at (626) 979-5370 for additional information and guidance.