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WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES OFFERED TO FIRE- IMPACTED PROPERTY OWNERS

Household Hazardous Waste Will Be Collected From Burned Homes By The State

As a service to property owners impacted by the Round Fire, Mono County requested the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to start the first phase of the Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) removal process. The DTSC will work with any property owners who have opted to allow this work.

To initiate the effort, property owners are requested to contact the County immediately to express their interest and sign an access agreement allowing DTSC to remove HHW. The work will be scheduled only once 15 residents have expressed interest. The soonest possible start date for DTSC to begin removal is Tuesday, February 24th. **As such, please immediately contact Tony Dublino at (760) 932-5453 or by email at tdublino@mono.ca.gov to express interest and begin the enrollment process.**

State workers will remove HHW from burned homes in the impacted areas of Swall Meadows and Paradise. ***This service is only for those affected by the fire. This effort is being conducted free of charge*** to protect the health of residents, clean-up crews and the environment.

Household hazardous waste has to be handled separately from other burn debris and may not go into local landfills. Residents are strongly urged to leave all HHW in place and are encouraged to not remove any HHW or damaged containers from their properties. HHW include unused or leftover portions of products used in your home that contain toxic chemicals. Products labeled *Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable* or *Corrosive* are considered hazardous.

Examples of Household Hazardous Wastes to be removed are:

- Aerosols
- Auto Batteries
- Household Cleaners
- Latex / Oil-Based Paint
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents
- Antifreeze
- Auto Fluids
- Fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Propane Tanks (less than 30 gallons)
- Used Oil and Oil Filters

For more information, please call Tony Dublino at (760) 932-5453