



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO FIRE CLEANUP PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

In order to speed recovery and renewal efforts the City and County of San Diego have worked collaboratively with state agencies to develop a debris cleanup plan.

The City of San Diego is offering all impacted residents two options for clean up which are detailed below. The recommended option is the San Diego Fire Cleanup Program. In this option, the City will hire the contractor and the city and state will be responsible for all costs not covered by the impacted resident's homeowners insurance. In addition to greater financial security, the homeowner accrues the added benefit of knowing the cleanup work was done right by a contractor who specializes in this type of cleanup. Under the San Diego Fire Cleanup Program, the homeowner is assured that all the appropriate environmental and construction permits have been filed. This program is modeled after a program that was implemented in El Dorado County following their wildfires last year.

The City of San Diego also understands that some homeowners will want to complete the debris removal themselves in consultation with their insurance companies. For that reason, the City of San Diego will also offer a Voucher Waiver Program. Under this option, there will be recycling and disposal vouchers available to assist with the cost of handling fire generated debris. The homeowner will be responsible for complying with all applicable protocols and permits. They will also be responsible for all cost associated with debris removal not covered by a voucher including but not limited to labor, equipment and transportation costs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

Uniform requirements for debris removal have been developed by the County of San Diego and must be followed by all debris removal contractors, irrespective of which option homeowners choose:

- These specifications are contained in the "Project Specifications for the Structural Debris Removal" available at the Environmental Services Department desk at the Rancho Bernardo Disaster Recovery Center.

- Project specifications include:
  - Specific contractor licensing requirements
  - Dust control
  - Traffic control
  - Worker health and safety
  - Industrial air monitoring
  - Storm water pollution prevention requirements

### **RECOMMENDED OPTION: SAN DIEGO FIRE CLEANUP PROGRAM**

- The City is entering into an agreement with a contractor to remove burned debris, foundations, building materials, appliances, and household contents in a coordinated manner. The City of San Diego intends to contract with A.J. Diani, the company that successfully implemented the program last year in El Dorado County.
- City of San Diego residents whose homes suffered a total loss may enter into an agreement with the City to perform the necessary work to ensure their property is cleared of debris and ready to rebuild in an efficient and timely manner.
- Property owners that choose to enter this program will sign a Right of Entry (ROE) Permit granting the City, and its contractors the right to enter onto the property for purposes of inspecting, sampling, removing and clearing any or all fire-generated debris.
- The ROE Permit will also include an assignment of insurance provision which subrogates the resident's right for insurance reimbursement to the City of San Diego to help offset the cost of the city's contractor. Each homeowner will be asked to provide a copy of their insurance policy to the City of San Diego.
- Impacted residents can pick up and turn in ROE permits at the Rancho Bernardo Disaster Recovery Center starting November 6, 2007.
- The City encourages residents to obtain all ROE permits by November 16, 2007.
- Clean-up activities are tentatively scheduled to begin mid November. The city's goal is to have all debris removed before the end of the year.
- Property owners will be asked to tag any items they would like to have saved using green tape provided by the City.
- After consulting with the contractor, the City of San Diego will post a cleanup calendar on the city website.
- The Operations Chief for this Clean-up is Sylvia M. Castillo P.E. who can be reached at 858-518-7837.

### **OPTION 2: FIRE VOUCHER PROGRAM (DISPOSAL FEE WAIVER)**

- For property owners who choose NOT to participate in the San Diego Fire Clean-up Program, there will be recycling and disposal vouchers available to assist with the cost of handling fire generated debris.

- The full package of recycling/disposal vouchers will include:
  - Two vouchers for trash disposal at the Miramar Landfill;
  - Six vouchers for disposal of mixed Construction and Demolition (C&D) material, including concrete, asphalt, brick, and concrete swimming pool material;
  - Five vouchers for concrete slabs delivered to Vulcan Materials facilities;
  - Four vouchers for concrete slabs delivered to Hanson Aggregate facilities;
  - One voucher for concrete slabs delivered to Escondido Sand and Gravel.
- Residents will be responsible for all costs associated with debris removal not covered by a voucher including but not limited to labor, equipment and transportation costs
- Use of vouchers for City of San Diego residents is contingent on hiring a licensed contractor who complies with the specifications contained in "Project Specifications for the Structural Debris Removal" developed by the County of San Diego. These requirements will be included in the voucher package.
- In the event that property owners have picked up their voucher package and decide they would prefer to participate in the San Diego Fire Clean-up Program, they should return their vouchers by November 16, 2007 and sign up for the San Diego Fire Clean-up Program by signing the ROE permit authorizing the City's contractor to remove the fire debris. Any vouchers that have been used must be reimbursed to the City.
- Voucher packages will be available November 6, 2007 at the Environmental Services Department table at the Rancho Bernardo Disaster Recovery Center, 18448 West Bernardo Drive, SD, 92127
- Residents who opt into the Voucher Program must choose to do so by November 16, 2007. After that date the vouchers will no longer be available.
- Unused vouchers must be returned to the Environmental Services Department in the self-addressed/stamped envelope included in the voucher package. Vouchers are not transferable.

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY  
DISPOSED OF FIRE RELATED DEBRIS**

City of San Diego residents whose homes sustained fire-related damage and who pay for the disposal of fire-related debris are eligible for reimbursement with appropriate documentation: an original receipt from the Miramar Landfill and an original receipt from one of the approved recycling facilities. To obtain reimbursement, the property owner will need to fill out the Reimbursement Form available at Rancho Bernardo Disaster Recovery Center, or the Environmental Services Department website, <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

- More than one reimbursement form will be accepted if debris removal and concrete demolition are not done at the same time.
- If you have any questions regarding reimbursements, please contact the Rancho Bernardo Disaster Recovery Center at 858-518-2776.

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