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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES OFFERED TO FIRE- IMPACTED PROPERTY OWNERS

TRINITY COUNTY, Calif., (September 8, 2017) – Trinity County Environmental Health has requested California Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”) to assist the County and property owners impacted by the Helena Fire. This help will consist of two phases; phase one is removal of hazardous waste from the properties effected, followed up with phase two, removal of burn debris. DTSC will be working in close cooperation with Trinity County.

Because this is a declared public health emergency, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) debris must be removed immediately. A health emergency grants state and local government permission to enter properties that have been assessed as significantly damaged or destroyed with the specific duty to remove HHW debris from the property with the intent to protect the community. This process started with the initial CalFire’s damage assessment done last weekend. Next, a property evaluation by DTSC will be done to uncover HHW debris that needs to be removed. Once evaluated, the HHW debris is removed free of charge to the property owner. We don’t have a firm date to begin, but it is expected that DTSC will start work as soon as possible.

HHW must be handled separately from other burn debris and cannot be brought to local landfills. **Residents are strongly urged to leave all HHW in place** - to not remove any HHW or damaged containers of HHW from their properties. HHW includes unused or leftover portions of products that contain toxic chemicals. Products labeled *Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable, or Corrosive* are considered hazardous.

Following the HHW removal, County Staff will be in contact with all property owners to initiate phase two for removal of the remaining burn debris from the property. County and State workers will not enter a property for burn debris removal without the express written consent of the home owner. As burn debris remove needs homeowner’s permission, it is critical that all effected owners contact the County immediately to begin this phase two process.

As such, please immediately contact VaLynn Crafford at (530) 623-1365 or by email at vcrafford@trinitycounty.org to express interest and begin the enrollment process (please reference “Hazardous Waste Removal”).

Examples of Household Hazardous Wastes:

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

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