



TRINITY COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Press Release Disaster Assistance Deadlines

Trinity County, CA (November 20, 2020) – Trinity County has been included in the major disaster declaration for the California Wildfires (DR-4558-CA), providing access to Public Assistance and Individual Assistance. FEMA's individual assistance program provides grants to help eligible survivors with financial assistance that may include rent, home repair, home replacement and other disaster-related needs such as childcare, medical and dental expenses. FEMA Assistance for Fire-Damaged Septic Systems and Wells is also available. Apply for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency online at www.disasterassistance.gov; by downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Pacific. **The deadline to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance is Saturday, November 21, 2020.**

Debris removal operations are underway in Trinity County. Phase 1 Debris Removal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at properties affected by the August Complex fire started on November 3, 2020. Phase 2 - removal of remaining burn debris – is scheduled to begin on December 1, 2020. Property owners are urged to participate in Phase 2 as it results in removal of wildfire debris at no out-of-pocket cost to the property owner. Owners choosing to opt-out of Phase 2 assume the responsibility of removing debris at their own expense. Property owners who wish to participate in Phase 2 must complete a Right-of-Entry (ROE) Form. ROE forms have been mailed to property owners and lease lot holders. More information, and the ROE form, is <https://www.trinitycounty.org/recovery/debrisremoval>. **The deadline to submit an ROE form for the Debris Removal Program is December 15, 2020.**

For up to date information and access to resources, please go to www.trinitycounty.org, call 530-623-8223, or email hhs.disasterrecovery@trinitycounty.org.

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