

Maui Wildfire Recovery

Phase 1: Household Hazardous Waste Removal

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Maui gives so much to the world. As guests, we are honored to give our support back.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to survey, remove, and dispose of hazardous waste from properties affected by the wildfires in Lāhainā and Kula on Māui.

Visiting your property?



EPA's Household Hazardous Waste work is **Phase 1** of the overall federal cleanup response. **Phase 2** will be debris removal and completed by an agency to be determined.

This work is free to residents.

EPA will remove everyday products like:

- ✓ paints,
- ✓ cleaners,
- ✓ solvents,
- ✓ oils,
- ✓ batteries, and
- ✓ pesticides/herbicides.

Properties should follow health guidance from the Hawai'i DOH for your protection.

Ash and debris can contain potentially harmful contaminants like asbestos, lead and arsenic that can be inhaled or enter the environment with wind.

tinyurl.com/DOHsafety

EPA will also remove asbestos and inspect pressurized fuel cylinders (like propane tanks).

- After a fire, these products require special handling, especially if their containers are damaged.
- EPA field teams will also remove items thought to have asbestos if they are easy to identify, but the property will not be *fully* cleared until Phase 2.



Examples of household hazardous waste that will be removed.



Some empty containers EPA inspects will be marked with a white X and left to be removed during for Phase 2.

How will EPA remove Household Hazardous Waste from my property?

1. An EPA team will first survey your property for work conditions.
2. A second EPA team will visit your property and remove Household Hazardous Waste.
3. After the second team finishes, a sign will be placed on your property (*see example sign to the right*).

Special Circumstances

- If the conditions on your property are not safe enough for EPA teams to enter, removing Household Hazardous Waste will be held until Phase 2.

EPA will only remove Household Hazardous Waste

If functional firearms or suspected remains are found, EPA will immediately stop work and contact the Maui Police Department.

Why is Household Hazardous Waste removed?

- Household Hazardous Waste can harm residents, workers, and the environment.
- This waste will be safely disposed of in special facilities off-island.



An example sign that will be left on properties after Phase 1 Household Hazardous Waste removal is complete and the property is ready for Phase 2.

For more info about EPA's work, contact us at:

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Learn More: epa.gov/hawaii/maui-wildfires

More information on the Maui wildfires response is available on Maui County's website:

mauicounty.gov

Phase 1 is in the process of being implemented. We will share more details about our work when they become available.