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***** Attention Wildfire Victims *****

Free Wildfire Household Hazardous Waste Removal Program

Form Deadline: Thursday, October 15, 2020

(Roseburg, Ore.) The Douglas County Board of Commissioners have established a temporary **Wildfire Household Hazardous Waste Removal** webpage for residents affected by the recent wildfires to sign up for assistance with the removal of their wildfire household hazardous waste, at no cost to them. The page includes a link to a form that must be completed in order to participate in the free wildfire household hazardous waste program. [Click here](#) to access the **Douglas County Wildfire Household Hazardous Waste Removal** webpage. **Please note, that to participate in this program, residents must act by Thursday, October 15, 2020.**

The Commissioners have been working with the State of Oregon, federal and state partners to safely address ash and debris from the 2020 Douglas County wildfires. Removing fire debris is a two-step cleanup process. Step 1 is clearing properties of household hazardous waste to minimize exposure of hazardous materials to the public. Step 2 is removal of ash, debris and burned-out structures. The Step 1 process to cleanup household hazardous waste is beginning, and is being provided at no cost to property owners through the county- and state-led process. Household hazardous waste includes items such as fuel, car batteries, fertilizers, pesticides, propane tanks, aerosols, paint, bleach and more. Step 2 clean up information will be provided soon. Removal of household hazardous waste, and then fire debris may be required before property owners can rebuild from the fires.

All impacted property owners who are seeking assistance with the household hazardous waste cleanup process must complete the ROE form before officials can assist them with the hazardous waste cleanup. If you are owner of a wildfire impacted property, please complete this form, or if you know of a property owner that has been impacted by the wildfires, make sure they are aware of this form and submit it by the deadline.

To apply for the free household hazardous waste removal program, residents affected by the local wildfires simply need to download, fill out and return the [Right-of-Entry Permit Form](#) by Thursday, October 15, 2020, to grant state contractors access to your property. The link above will take you to a webpage that is being managed by a consultant for the state of Oregon that is managing the household hazardous waste removal. Forms are also available for pick up at the Douglas County Public Works Department at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 304, Roseburg, Oregon. Public Works office hours are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, you can pick up and drop off forms at the Glide Wildfire Donation Center located at the Old Glide Middle School at 301 Glide Loop Road, Glide, Oregon from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The Right of Entry (ROE) form is required to allow state contractors onto your private property to start the fire debris cleanup process.

Completed ROE forms can be returned via email to dcfirerecovery@co.douglas.or.us or dropped off in person to the Douglas County Public Works Department, Room 304 at the Douglas County Courthouse. Public Works office hours are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. *Forms can be brought into the Public Works office until Thursday, October 15, 2020.* If you wish to mail your ROE form, it must be postmarked no later than *Friday, October 9, 2020.* Residents can mail their form to the Douglas County Public Works Department, Douglas County Courthouse, # 304, 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

➤ Information (541) 440-4201

➤ Fax (541) 440-4391

Local ROE help sessions have been set up for residents to stop by and sign up for the program, as well as pick up or drop off their forms.

Wildfire Donation Center, Old Glide Middle School Gym

301 Glide Loop Drive, Glide, Oregon

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Douglas Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds

2110 SW Frear Street, Roseburg, Oregon

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

The [Oregon DEQ](#) recommends that you do not disturb ash or debris or attempt to clean up your properties on your own. Please wait until after it has been assessed by hazardous materials response professionals, as there may be hazards such as asbestos fibers, toxic chemicals, and electrical or structural hazards on your property. State and federal assistance on assessment of hazards and removal will begin as soon as fire conditions allow. Please note that complying with state and federal hazardous waste laws is complex, and contractors completing this work must have special licenses and certifications. Lastly, insurance policies may not cover the cleanup's full cost if not completed correctly. If a property owner chooses to remove debris themselves, they should receive clearance from local authorities, mitigate hazards, and wear an N95 mask, gloves, safety glasses, and sturdy shoes. They ask that you avoid rinsing debris or waste into storm drains.

As a reminder, Douglas County Transfer Stations and the Douglas County Landfill are not able to accept any hazardous waste materials. All household hazardous waste (HHW) must be removed through a HHW program with DEQ or the EPA.

For questions or more information about the free wildfire household hazardous waste program please log onto our special webpage at <https://www.co.douglas.or.us/recovery/recovery.asp> or call (541) 440-6011.

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