

**Environmental Services Department Fire Disaster Fact Sheet**  
**Call ESD at (858) 694-7000**

**Thursday, November 6, 2003**

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department (ESD) obtained California State regulatory agency approval to dispose of burn ash materials and demolition debris at the City of San Diego Miramar Landfill. Use these guidelines for the removal and disposal of these materials generated from within the City of San Diego. Prior to disposal of materials, please ensure properties have been assessed for damages by the City of San Diego Development Services Department. Assessed properties are marked with a tag.

**Refuse Collection – Call ESD**

Trash, recycling and greenery collection returned to its regular schedule on Monday, November 3, 2003. For greenery collection customers whose collection was canceled October 27-31, 2003, consult your greenery calendar to determine the next pick-up date or call ESD. Trash, recycling and greenery collection schedules can be found at <http://interapp1.sannet.gov/econtainer/control/searchaddressinfo>. Residents who lost collection containers in the fire and would like to request a new ones need to call ESD. By informing the customer service operator that bins were destroyed in the fire, residents will be placed on a priority list.

**Temporary Trash Bins – Call ESD**

Approximately 30 roll-off containers, each with a 10-ton capacity, have been placed in the fire disaster areas to help residents dispose of trash as they sift through debris. The containers are not designed for heavy and dense debris. They need to be used for hand-carried refuse only and not concrete, major appliances, hazardous waste, or scrap metal. Do not use power machinery such as Bobcats to fill the containers. Demolition contractors will provide resources to remove and collect the demolition material. The containers will be available through Wednesday, November 12, 2003. For more information regarding refuse disposal call ESD.

**Recycle Metals**

Environmental Services will collect metals, appliances and other household items containing metal for recycling if segregated from other debris and placed near the front of your property.

**Free Trash Bags**

For residents cleaning up burn sites, Keep California Beautiful has provided free plastic bags, which are available at the ESD information booth at the City's Local Assistance Center.

**Ash and Debris Cleanup Guidance - call SDRWQCB at (858) 467-2952 or check websites**

The County of San Diego and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) provide guidance on cleaning up ash and other fire-related debris. Refer to the "Ash and Debris Cleanup Guidance" document available at the ESD information booth at the City's Local Assistance Center, or call SDRWQCB at (858) 467-2952, or visit their websites at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/> or <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpq/watersheds/stormwater.html>.

**Hazardous Materials Collection – call ESD**

Residents need to separate identifiable hazardous materials such as paint, or full or partially full propane canisters that can be safely removed from the destroyed structures. Do not place identifiable hazardous materials in refuse bins. Beginning November 10, the Environmental Services' household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal contractor will pick up the hazardous materials that have been placed near the front of the property at destroyed homes within Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta. To remove hazardous waste from partially damaged, or smoke damaged homes, call ESD to schedule a drop-off appointment at the City's permanent Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and FEMA case number.

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**Recycle Concrete Slabs**

Concrete slabs, bricks and patios need to be collected and recycled by a demolition contractor. The recycling fees are less than landfill disposal fees. A list of demolition debris recyclers is available at the ESD booth.

**Landfill Disposal Fees**

San Diego City Council is considering reductions to landfill disposal fees. Until then, the existing fees apply.

**Asbestos Waste**

Demolition contractors may find asbestos-containing pipe from your furnace or hot water heater. Non-friable asbestos is accepted at the Miramar Landfill. The demolition contractor can wrap the pipe in two layers of six mil or thicker plastic and place with the debris destined for disposal.

**Pools and Jacuzzis – call Co. Health Dept., Mosquito Abatement at (858) 694-2888 or check website**

Fence and secure swimming pools and Jacuzzis. Continue to maintain your pool and treat the water against mosquito breeding. Please contact the County of San Diego Health Department, Mosquito Abatement at (858) 694-2888, or visit their website at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh/chd/vector/vwnv02-10-03.html>. When proper maintenance and filtration are not possible, call the County to determine if your water conditions are conducive for mosquito fish to be put into the pools. Please inform County staff that you are in the fire disaster area. If draining the pool, confirm beforehand that doing so will not cause further damage to the pool's integrity. Make sure pool and Jacuzzi water drained into the gutter and storm drains is free of chlorine residual and has low copper sulfate concentrations.

**Erosion Control – call (858) 573-1420 for mulch**

The Jerebek Park & Recreation Center is offering sand bags and bales of hay for residents to use for erosion efforts. Also, free mulch, which is also used for erosion prevention, is available at the Miramar Landfill Greenery Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call (858) 573-1420 for more information regarding mulch.

**Burned Vehicles, Campers and Boats – call Insurance Co. and DMV**

First, check with your insurance company to determine your coverage provision for removal service. Second, call the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at (800) 777-0133 prior to having a vehicle picked up for recycling. DMV will issue the paperwork required by auto insurance carriers to release ownership and liability. Title replacement forms can be downloaded at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vr/duplicate.htm>. Also, Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) members can complete DMV paperwork at a local branch. To file a claim with AAA, call the 24 Hour Claims Reporting number at (800) 67-CLAIM. For more information, go to <http://www.aaa-calif.com/>.

Once the insurance company and DMV have been contacted, remove damaged vehicles. If your auto insurance does not provide service, an auto wrecking company may be contacted (a legible VIN may be needed for removal). Residents without vehicle removal coverage can contact Jewish Family Services (JFS) at (877) 537 4227. JFS will pick up burned cars if the owner has:

1. had the insurance company sign off on the vehicle and
2. the title (JFS can provide a copy of the title).