

# Maui Wildfire Recovery

## Phase 1: Household Hazardous Waste Removal

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*Maui has given so much to the world. As guests, we are honored to give our support.*

*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.*

EPA's Household Hazardous Waste work is **Phase 1** of the overall federal cleanup response. **Phase 2** of the federal response will be debris removal.

**This work is free to residents.**

**EPA will remove everyday products like:**

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

**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 of asbestos until Phase 2.

**Visiting your property?**



*Anyone visiting fire-impacted properties should follow health guidance from the Hawai'i DOH for your protection.*



*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*) and will be marked on EPA's "StoryMap" website (under development).

### 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 and cease work.

### **Why is Household Hazardous Waste removed?**

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



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

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

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