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Disposal of Cameron Peak Fire Debris at Larimer County landfill

The Larimer County Solid Waste Department has received a special waiver from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, allowing Larimer County Landfill to accept debris from the Cameron Peak fire. In accordance with this waiver, the fire debris must be handled as if it contains friable asbestos, per the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE).

The CDPHE does not recommend testing the ash and debris from buildings destroyed by these wildfires as testing can be difficult, expensive and may cause delays in being able to handle the waste. See full document here: cdphe_important_wildfire_debris_guidance.pdf

The Larimer County Landfill will only accept fire debris from November 16, 2020, through July 31, 2021. The following conditions apply:

At the Source

- **Contact the landfill before hauling** Call the landfill office at (970) 498-5760 before hauling the debris to ensure that the facility is open and prepared to accept fire debris. winds over 20 mph may prohibit transport of such materials.
  - Text: Fire Debris to 56525 ---- for alerts on the latest closures for fire debris disposal at the landfill, as different restrictions apply.
  - Visit our homepage at larimer.org/solidwaste to see the Fire Debris Disposal alert banner, at the top of the page.
  - Or call the business office at 970-498-5760.

- **Wet the debris** – the ash debris must be wetted with water to minimize dusting.
- **Wrap the debris in plastic** – the fire debris must be wrapped in 6-mil plastic sheeting. This is done by lining the truck, trailer, or roll off container with the plastic sheet, loading the debris, then folding the ends of the plastic sheet over the top of the load and securing it.
- **Separate hazardous materials** – Any hazardous waste such as household chemicals and car batteries may be taken to the hazardous waste facility located at the Larimer County Landfill. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00 – 4:30. If you have questions regarding hazardous waste please call (970) 498-5771.
- **Send notification form to CDPHE** – complete a Disposal Notification Form and mail or email it to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

At the Landfill

- **Special handling required** – the hauler must tell the landfill gate attendant that the load contains fire debris. The 2020 fee for disposal is $36.00 per cubic yard plus the state surcharge.
• **Dump in dedicated fire debris area** – the debris must be dumped in an area specifically prepared for fire debris. This area will be marked with signs and fencing.

• **Schedule for accepting fire debris** – Larimer County Landfill will only accept fire debris from November 16, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

For additional County and State Fire Resources click below:
https://www.larimer.org/wildfire-resources#tab7
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wildfire-preparedness-response-and-recovery