

# Santa Cruz County Environmental Health (EH) Debris Removal Flowchart

The house or an auxiliary structure that is not exempt\* was destroyed in the fire

**Debris Removal Phase I**

The USEPA identifies and removes hazardous materials

Property Owner can return to sift through remains

**Debris Removal Phase II**

Property Owner chooses public or private removal option

PUBLIC

Property Owner submits Right of Entry

Public contractor removes debris at no direct cost\*\*

Site testing conducted

Cal Recycle/OES issue release

PRIVATE

Property Owner hires approved removal contractor

Property Owner submits Debris Removal Application to EH

Approved contractor submits Debris Removal and Site Testing Plan to EH

IF APPROVED

County issues permit to conduct removal.

Private Contractor removes debris and conducts site testing at Property Owner expense

Final report from contractor and site testing report from environmental consultant submitted to EH

IF APPROVED

EH Debris Removal Clearance Issued

Begin Temporary Housing and Rebuilding Process

\*An exempt auxiliary structure is a structure less than 120 square feet that had no paint, pesticides, propane or other hazardous material.

\*\*Property Owner has an obligation to file an insurance claim if debris removal coverage is available, and submitting payment to County

