

City of Detroit Update

09-27-20

Page 1 of 2

The State of Oregon, in coordination with federal, state and local partners, are working on strategies to address the significant task of fire debris removal. Addressing the fire debris is broken into a two-step process. The first step is clearing properties of household hazardous waste to minimize exposure of hazardous materials to the public. The second step is general debris removal.

The state will be funding the 25% match (FEMA funding the remaining 75%) for cleanup of household hazardous waste, so that this work can happen at no cost to counties or property owners. The Debris Management Task Force is working to get boots on the ground as soon as possible and is coordinating with counties to keep their communities informed. The Task Force is a coordinated, multi-agency team consisting of the Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Contractors working in conjunction with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be assessing and removing hazardous materials that pose a threat to human health and the environment. Household hazardous waste includes items such as propane tanks, pesticides, batteries, herbicides, paints and large pieces of asbestos. No other materials will be removed.

The next thing we need from property owners is a signed access agreement so cleanup teams can do their work efficiently. Starting in early October, staff will be working in counties to help with this process. It is critical that property owners complete access agreements as soon as possible so that cleanup work can begin.

Access agreements will be available to submit to your county online and at drop off locations. Links to county webpages with this information will be available here soon.

STAY STRONG DETROIT!