

## BULLET POINTS TO THE “OPT-IN” FOR THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM

Here’s a concise bullet-point summary of the Army Corps of Engineers "Opt-In" process:

### □ **Opt-In Overview:**

- The Opt-In process allows residents to participate in the government-run debris removal program managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- This program is federally funded and includes comprehensive debris removal services.

### □ **Steps to Opt-In:**

1. Complete and submit the Right of Entry (ROE) form, available online, for download, or at Disaster Recovery Centers.
2. The County reviews and verifies the ROE form, including property ownership details.
3. Once approved, the ROE is transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers for execution.
4. The Army Corps of Engineers schedules a site visit to assess the property and categorize the required work.
5. Debris removal work begins, including hazardous material removal, structural demolition, and erosion control measures.

### □ **Services Provided:**

- Removal of hazardous materials, including asbestos and household hazardous waste. – **No pre-testing or post-testing required.**
- Demolition of destroyed structures and removal of burned debris, ash, and hazardous trees.
- Installation of erosion control measures and environmental monitoring for preservation.

□ **Key Considerations:**

- Residents must decide whether to include foundation removal in the debris removal process.
- The deadline to submit the ROE form and opt into the program is March 31, 2025.
- Homeowners are typically required to provide information about their insurance coverage when opting into the Army Corps of Engineers debris removal program.
  - This includes:
    - **Homeowners Insurance Information:** Details about your policy, including coverage limits and any debris removal provisions.
    - **Debris Removal Insurance Coverage:** If your insurance policy includes specific coverage for debris removal, this information must be disclosed.

This helps ensure that any eligible costs covered by homeowners insurance are accounted for ***before federal funds are used.***