

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

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

- **Opt-Out Overview:**
 1. Residents affected by wildfires can choose to manage debris removal independently instead of participating in the government-run program.
 2. Opting out requires adherence to specific safety and environmental standards.
- **Steps to Opt-Out:**
 1. Complete the opt-out form, available online or for download.
 2. Apply for a permit from the County through EPIC-LA after receiving EPA certification for Phase 1 completion.
 3. Submit the contractor’s work plan for County review to ensure compliance with regulations.
 4. Begin debris removal independently once the application is approved.
- **Responsibilities of Opting Out:**
 1. Residents must follow the **"Management of Los Angeles County Wildfire Debris"** guidelines.
 2. All debris removal costs exceeding insurance settlements are the resident's responsibility.
 3. Federal and state disaster funding will not reimburse private debris removal expenses.

Key Considerations:

1. Residents must meet the same requirements as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for debris removal.
2. The deadline to opt out and complete the necessary forms is March 31, 2025