



Carpinteria Community Meeting – Thomas Fire December 22, 2017

PROTECT YOURSELF

- See air quality at www.ourair.org/todays-air-quality. Conditions can change quickly and may vary based on location.
- Wear a mask (N95) to protect yourself from fine particles.
- Create a clean room inside your house with a high efficiency (HEPA) air filter.
- Sensitive individuals such as seniors, young children, and people with pre-existing conditions should be especially careful. If you are feeling symptoms, consult your doctor.

ASH CLEANUP

- Cover yourself when handling ash – use an N95 protective mask, long sleeves and pants, and gloves.
- DO NOT USE LEAF BLOWERS or stir up ash. Gently sweep or use a vacuum with a HEPA filter.
- Take care to conserve water and protect storm drains from ash debris.
- If you are close to where homes or buildings have burned, additional precautions may be necessary.
- If others are cleaning near you and stirring up ash, wait before entering the area or wear a N95 protective mask.

FIRE DEBRIS AND ASBESTOS

- Homes and structures that burned during the Thomas Fire can result in toxic debris and ash that contain heavy metals, asbestos, and other hazardous materials.
- Disturbing structure fire debris containing asbestos may expose individuals to asbestos.
- The District strongly recommends that:
 - an asbestos survey be conducted by a state-licensed asbestos consultant before disturbing debris that is suspected to contain asbestos, and
 - asbestos-containing debris be removed by a state-licensed asbestos contractor.
- While the District does not have jurisdiction over removal of debris that is suspected to contain asbestos for single-family homes, the District may have notification and removal requirements for debris that is suspected to contain asbestos from other types of structures that are not single-family homes. If you fall into this category please check with us before doing any removal by emailing asbestos@sbcapcd.org.
- See www.ourair.org/asbestos for more information about asbestos.

Links to additional information:

Smoke and health: www.ourair.org/smoke-health

Ash Cleanup: www.ourair.org/ash-cleanup

Santa Barbara County Ash Management Plan: www.countyofsb.org/asset.c/3496

Do not use leaf blowers: www.ourair.org/122017-news

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