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Hazardous Tree Removal

Removing Burnt Trees In Unincorporated Areas of Solano County

Property owners do not need a permit from Solano County to remove a damaged tree if they live in unincorporated County jurisdiction.

Burnt Trees Near County Roads

County Public Works maintains roads in the unincorporated areas of Solano County, and is making repairs on miles of roads in burned areas to ensure safe road conditions. Part of this work included an assessment of trees that have the potential of falling into a County road, both in the public Right of Way and on private property. The County has been tagging trees for removal or pruning.

County Right of Way – Public Works Work crews started removing some of the fire-damaged trees in the County Right-of-Way that were identified as presenting a risk to public safety and roadways. The project is expected to continue through September 2020, weather permitting. Please watch for work crews in your neighborhood and drive with care. Call the Department of Resource Management – Public Works department at 707-784-6765 or email RMHelp@solanocounty.com. with any questions.

Private Property – The County is considering how to best ensure that trees on private property, which threaten the safety of people who use County roads, will be removed. Property owners will be informed if they could be responsible for removing the trees.

While some trees may recover years after being burned, the County must prioritize public safety and remove any trees or limbs that could endanger road users.

Tree Care on Private Property

If a tree on your land is not a threat to life or property, you may consider leaving it in place even if it is scarred from the fire. Native trees may recover over time, sometimes re-sprouting from the base. Trees that have burned may still provide benefits such as soil stabilization and habitat.

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CAL FIRE timber permits (Solano County)

In California, anyone who conducts timber operations on what is deemed timberland must be a licensed as a timber operator (LTO) by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The basic guidelines:

- If you have land that can be defined as **Timberland**,
- And if you cut down trees on it to **sell, trade, barter or exchange**,
- Or you cut the trees and **use the land** where the trees were growing **for another use (vineyard, house, driveway, etc)**,
- Then you have conducted “Timber Operations” and need to comply with the California State Forest Practice Rules.

First step for property owners who want to remove trees and sell them as lumber is to determine if they are considered Timberland.

If you are planning on a project in Solano County that might involve Timber Operations, contact the CAL FIRE Resource Management Office in Sacramento at (916) 619-9303 for clarification and a list of licensed Foresters and Timber Operators.

You may also [visit the State Forest Practice webpage](#) for more information and permit forms.

Contact Air Quality District About Open Burns to Remove Green Waste

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) is also working to assist residents affected by the wildfires within its jurisdiction in Solano County. Residents interested in discussing the option of conducting an open burn to remove fire-damaged green waste on their property to reduce or eliminate fire hazard should call the BAAQMD at (415) 749-4600 and YSAQMD (530) 757-3570 for requirements.