



Maui Wildfire Recovery

Phase 1 Deferred Properties

A Phase 1 deferred property means EPA could not remove hazardous materials. The US Army Corps of Engineers will address these properties in Phase 2.

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Maui gives so much to the world. As guests, we are honored to give our support back.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency tasked EPA to survey, remove, and dispose of hazardous materials. This is referred to as Phase 1. A property is Phase 1 deferred when EPA cannot remove hazardous materials due to physical conditions at the site. A “Deferred” sign will be posted at all deferred properties.



My property is deferred, now what?

Due to conditions on the property, EPA field staff and contractors were not able to safely access the property to remove hazardous materials. Field staff could not enter properties due to a number of dangers, such as overhead hazards, fallen trees, terrain (like blocked access), unstable structures, and other unsafe conditions (like collapsed floors, collapsed roofs, large structures containing asbestos, etc.).

Hazardous materials may still be present onsite and could present a health hazard. Ash and debris can contain potentially harmful contaminants like asbestos, lead, and arsenic that can be inhaled or spread into the environment by wind or when disturbed. Some properties may have soil stabilizer applied.

What are the next steps for a Deferred Property?

The hazardous materials removal for deferred properties will be handled by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) during Phase 2. Residents will need to coordinate with the Army Corps regarding debris removal and sifting through the ash for belongings. Contact the Army Corps at the Army Corps Debris Center at (877) 214-9117, between 6:00AM and 6:00PM daily.

Phase 1 deferred properties potentially have hazardous materials present and other dangers.

Use extreme caution if entering these properties.