

Private Property Debris Removal

Mukluk Fire • Tok, Alaska

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This State program lets you authorize DHS&EM and its contractors to enter your property and remove eligible Mukluk Fire debris. It is not a general cleanup of everything on the lot. Only disaster debris and wreckage that may threaten public health, safety, or property can be removed. Signing the packet does not guarantee that debris or vehicles will be taken.

1 AM I ELIGIBLE?

- Your property is in Tok or the immediately surrounding area affected by the Mukluk Fire.
- Debris on the property is a direct result of the fire.
- You are the legal owner, or you have legal authority to grant access and authorize removal.
- You complete and sign the Combined Debris Removal Authorization Packet.
- Debris is in living, recreational, or working areas of the property (not unused acreage, woodlots, or crop/livestock areas unless DHS&EM authorizes that portion in writing).

Insured owners are not excluded. Having a homeowners or vehicle policy does not keep you out of the program.

2 DOES THIS COST ME ANYTHING?

- There is no application fee and no charge from the State to turn in the packet.
- Authorized debris removal under this program is performed by the State's contractor. You are not billed by the contractor for eligible work.
- If your insurance pays (or later pays) for debris removal or vehicle disposal, you must report it. Those proceeds may reduce or offset public assistance so benefits are not paid twice.
- You keep responsibility for items the program does not cover, and for any private contractor you hire on your own.
- Work is not guaranteed. Eligibility and what is removed are decided by DHS&EM, not by the debris contractor.

3 HOW DO I APPLY AND SUBMIT THE PACKET?

1. Get the packet.

Download the Combined Debris Removal Authorization Packet at ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA (Forms section). It is a fillable PDF and is printer-friendly — complete it on a computer or print it and fill it by hand. You can also request it from your assigned State Individual Assistance Officer. Contractors and Debris Monitors may carry blank copies.

2. Fill every section that applies.

Print clearly. Write N/A if a line does not apply. Include property address, all owners' legal names, phone, email, mailing address, and approximate date of loss. Attach extra pages if needed.

3. Disclose insurance.

Report whether the property (and any vehicle being released) was insured at the time of the fire: company, policy number, claim status, and amounts received or expected. Attach policy, claim, settlement, or denial papers if you have them.

4. All legal owners must sign.

Read the indemnification section. Every legal owner, or a person legally authorized to sign, must print name, sign, date, and provide phone and email. If you are not the owner, state your authority. Do not complete the official-use section.

5. Submit it.

Email the signed packet and insurance attachments to DHSEM.PublicAssistance@Alaska.gov. Use the subject line Private Property Debris Removal. You may also give the completed packet to your assigned State Individual Assistance Officer, or hand-deliver it to a DHS&EM Debris Monitor or the debris-removal contractor.

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4 WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I TURN IT IN?

- No work starts until DHS&EM or the independent Debris Monitor confirms the packet is complete and the property is authorized. Handing a packet to the contractor is not enough by itself.
- A site assessment comes first. Hazardous materials are removed separately. Then remaining eligible fire debris is hauled away.
- Questions about eligibility, insurance, or program decisions go to DHS&EM — not the debris-removal contractor.

WHAT MAY BE REMOVED

- + Collapsed burned structural debris that has already fallen and become wreckage
- + Household fire debris in living, recreational, and working areas
- + Appliances and scrap metal (recycled when practicable)
- + Burned or damaged vehicles you formally release (they will not be returned)
- + Hazardous materials identified during the first work phase
- + Ash and fire debris that can be safely handled and hauled

WHAT IS NOT REMOVED

- Standing walls, roofs, chimneys, or foundations still attached
- Demolition of standing structures or leaners
- General cleanup of items not caused by the fire
- Unused acreage, woodlots, and crop or livestock areas (unless DHS&EM authorizes in writing)
- Valuables, heirlooms, and personal property you want to keep
- Vehicles you do not release on the packet

BEFORE CREWS ARRIVE

- Remove valuables and heirlooms you want to keep. Personal property left in released vehicles may be lost.
- Disclose known hazards: underground or fuel tanks, chemicals, asbestos, batteries (including lithium), or other environmental hazards.
- Provide reasonable access. Released vehicles may be destroyed, recycled, or disposed of and will not be returned.

PLEASE READ — WITHDRAWAL, ACCESS DAMAGE, AND ACCURATE INFORMATION

Withdrawing.

You may withdraw your authorization before work begins on your property by calling the hotline or emailing DHS&EM. If you withdraw after work has started, you may be responsible for costs already incurred.

Driveways and access.

Heavy equipment must reach the debris. Driveways, access roads, and similar surfaces may crack, rut, or be marked. That incidental damage is an ordinary part of the work and is not repaired under this program.

Tell the truth on the packet.

The information you provide must be true and complete. Providing false or misleading information may result in civil or criminal penalties and may stop or reverse assistance.

QUESTIONS OR HELP COMPLETING THE PACKET

DHS&EM Public Assistance Hotline (907) 428-7097

Email: DHSEM.PublicAssistance@Alaska.gov Subject: Private Property Debris Removal

Completed packets may also be given to your assigned State Individual Assistance Officer, a Debris Monitor, or the contractor.

Packet: ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA (Forms) — fillable PDF and printer-friendly — or ask your State Individual Assistance Officer.

State disaster only as of the packet date. If later federally declared, information may be shared with FEMA. The signed packet controls.