

Maui Wildfire Recovery

Phase 1 Deferred Properties

Phase 1 deferred property mean da EPA no could remove da hazardous materials. Da US Army Corps of Engineers going take care dis kine property during Phase 2.

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So much Maui give to da world. As guests, we honored fo 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. Da Federal Emergency Management Agency wen go ask da EPA fo go do one survey first, and den remove and throw-way all da hazardous material. Dey call dis "Phase 1". If one property get deferred in Phase 1, as mean da EPA no could remove da hazardous materials because of some kine physical condition on da site. Dey going stay put up one "Deferred" sign if come one deferred property.



My property stay deferred, what dat mean now?

Due to conditions on top da property, da EPA field staff and contractors no can safely access da property fo remove da hazardous material. Dey no could enter da property due to one numbah of dangers, like

overhead hazards, fallen trees, blocked terrain access, unstable structures, and oddah unsafe kine conditions (like collapsed floors, collapsed roofs, large structures containing asbestos, li'dat).

So still yet might get hazardous materials onsite dat can present one health hazard. Ash and debris might contain harmful contaminants like asbestos, lead, and arsenic dat you can inhale or can spread into da environment when da wind blow or when you disturb em. As why dey might apply one soil stabilizer on top yo property.

What da next steps fo one Deferred Property?

Da US Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) going remove da hazardous material from deferred properties during Phase 2. Residents going need fo coordinate with da Army Corps about removing da debris and sifting through da ash fo belongings. You can contact da Army Corps at da Army Corps Debris Center at (877) 214-9117, everyday between 6:00AM and 6:00PM.

Phase 1 deferred properties might get hazardous material present and oddah kine dangers.

Use extreme caution if entering da property.