

# Maui Wildfire Recovery

Stabilizing Soil on Yo Property - What fo Expect November 1, 2023

So much Maui give to da world. As guests, we honored fo give our support back.

- EPA teams going apply one soil stabilizer on top da ash in coordination with Local officials.
- Da EPA might put da stabilizer on top properties befo or aftah residents can return.

What Going Happen **Befo** Dey Apply Soil Stabilizer:

- EPA teams going check da property and surrounding area fo wildlife, animal feeders, and plants.
- One cultural monitor going go with da teams fo make sure nobody spray any historic structures and oddah areas known fo have cultural artifacts or ancestral ashes.

What You Going See on Yo Property **Aftah** Dey Apply Soil Stabilizer:

- One thin, clear crust on top da surface of da sprayed materials.
- Da thin crust can see-through and can come easily broken apart.
- Da soil stabilizer come non-toxic when dry.

Ash and debris get harmful contaminants and high pH dat can impact human health and da environment. If you going re-enter da burn area, please take da necessary precautions fo protect yourself and oddahs by wearing da protective gear we give you and carefully reviewing yo re-entry packet.



Fo take off da Soiltac<sup>®</sup> from da surface of one object you wen recover, you gotta run em under hot water or steam da surface and den wipe em off with one soft cloth.



One photo of crews on top one burned property with ash rising all around dem; dis photo was taken befo putting on da Soiltac.



One photo of crews on one burned property aftah dey wen put da Soiltac; floating ash no longer stay visible.

## What dey going spray:

- Da ash footprint dat da U.S. Army Corps of Engineers going remove in Phase 2
- Undah da hood and da interior of certain cars and da areas around.
- Any part of one structure dat still stay on da property AND dey suspect get asbestos.

## What dey not going spray:

- Places on da properties outside da structure footprint dat no mo ash (i.e. yard, driveway)
- × Plants and vegetation.
- × Animal feeders.
- Cultural resources, historic structures, and areas dey know get collections of cultural artifacts or ancestral ashes.

### **Commonly Asked Questions**

#### I can request I no like dey apply one soil stabilizer?

**No.** Dey going apply da soil stabilizer to da ash footprint on all impacted properties in Lāhainā (except places dat get cultural significance) fo protect human health and da environment.

#### Soiltac<sup>®</sup> harmful fo human health?

Da EPA wen review da Soiltac® ingredients fo confirm:

- Da ting come non-toxic when dry.
- Applying one soil stabilizer stay mo effective at protecting human health and da environment than leaving da ash and debris just li'dat.

Soiltac<sup>®</sup>, das one microplastic? Does dat mean we going be adding mo microplastics to da environment?

- Technically Soiltac<sup>®</sup> (aftah da ting come dry and hard) meets da federal definition of one plastic, but da EPA no anticipate da ting going come broken into pieces small enough fo consider em one microplastic.
- Soiltac<sup>®</sup> going be removed with all da ash and debris in Phase 2 of da cleanup and disposed of safely.

Fo mo info about what da EPA doing, go contact us at:

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