

**These recommendations below apply to homeowners who have lost their homes in a fire:**

Apply for FEMA assistance ASAP, it could be turned down at a later date if you don't need it. Toxic waste removal by whichever state or federal government agency does it would be highly recommended. The removal agency is TBD but it's looking like EPA will do that.

Lot clearing by FEMA or private company are options to be determined. FEMA contractors are going to be "rougher" and you may have less control over what they will do. Private lot clearing will give you more control & finesse. Both options can be considered.

For FEMA assistance, each homeowner has to apply for assistance. I think these 2 links can help and will guide you through the steps to apply. This could help with the assistance for lot clearing. You could apply for it and down the road use it, or not, according to your needs.

NOTE: If your insurance policy has line items that pay for lot clearing, FEMA will not do it for free.

**Phase I**

Department of Toxic Substance Control, State of Cal agency, have two steps:

- Preliminary survey
- Toxic Waste Removal

**Phase II**

FEMA and Army Corp of Engineers

- Remove debris after EPA work is complete.

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/application-checklist>

**Recommended Next Steps:**

To get construction documents, retain services for architecture & engineering. Once the construction documents are complete you can submit them to LA County for permits to build, or City of Pasadena if you're in Pasadena.

As soon as utility services are restored to neighborhoods retain services for plumbing, electrical, water, and waste lines. General Contractor could help with utilities services from the street to your property. Utility service should probably be restored after lot clearing.

Call your pool service company and see if they can evaluate and recommend the next steps for your pool and pool equipment.