Fire Debris to be removed from 3570 Fruitland Ave. in October

Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident | October 12, 2016

Debris to be removed by EPA at 3570 Fruitland Avenue

At a Glance

- EPA will remove remaining debris from the June 14, 2016 fire.
- Work will occur from October-November 2016 and will take approximately eight weeks.
- Smells or odor that may arise during work DO NOT pose a health risk

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Removal of debris remaining from fire at 3570 Fruitland Avenue on June 14, 2016

When
Approximately eight weeks, beginning October 17, 2016

Where
3570 Fruitland Avenue

WhY
Fire debris may contain hazardous materials and will need to be removed to reduce any potential health risks

Cleaning Up Fire Debris

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be removing materials from 3570 Fruitland Avenue that remain from the June 14, 2016 fire. Debris from the fire may contain hazardous materials and will be removed to reduce any potential health risks to the community. Following the fire, the debris at the facility has been stabilized to prevent any ash and dust from impacting the community. As the cleanup activities continue, every effort will be made to ensure that dust and ash do not re-enter your neighborhood.

During debris removal, you may notice burned metal and other odors, depending on weather conditions. **These odors can be a nuisance, but do not pose a human health risk.** EPA will be conducting air monitoring throughout the cleanup and will take measures to control any dust. This testing and any subsequent action will ensure there are no adverse health impacts to the community during the work.

What You Will See

As part of the cleanup, EPA will be bringing in heavy machinery and vehicles to move and dispose of debris from the fire. On the property and in the street in front of 3570 Fruitland Avenue, you will likely see:

- EPA contractors gathering material for disposal

- EPA staff conducting door-to-door outreach to share information about the cleanup
- Large trucks
- Heavy equipment for collecting and disposing of material
- Security personnel to safeguard site

Site history

On June 14, 2016, a fire started in Maywood, Calif. The fire burned Panda International Trading, located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue. Fruitland Avenue is a commercial/light manufacturing district. A residential neighborhood directly borders the south end of the site. The facility includes businesses, Panda International Trading (PIT) and Sokor Metals. PIT is a scrap metal yard that sends scrap metal for reuse, and Sokor Metals is also a metals recycling operation.

Questions?

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Additional information can be found at **https://www.epa.gov/ca/response-fruitland-avenue-magnesium-fire.**