



South Coast
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WILDFIRE



AFTER A WILDFIRE - SAFE CLEAN-UP

WHEN CLEANING UP ASH:



Wear a tight-fitting disposable respirator (N-95 or P-100).



Wear goggles, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks to avoid skin contact.



Mist lightly with water and then sweep gently with a broom or wet mop.



Collect ash into a plastic bag and dispose in the regular trash.



Wash off ash from vehicles and outdoor toys.



Inside your home, use a vacuum with a HEPA filter or similar industrial ones with disposable collection filter bags.



Direct ash-filled water to ground areas and away from the storm drains.
Don't use leaf blowers!



Clean ash off pets.

Take precautions when cleaning up ash from wildfires. Ash particles are usually bigger than smoke particles, but can still cause health problems. People with heart or lung diseases, older adults, children, and pregnant women should use special caution around ash.