Removal of Fire-Damaged Private Vehicles

Once a burned site has been cleared through the State’s Phase I cleanup program in which hazardous materials are removed from a site, private fire-damaged vehicles can be removed and transported to licensed vehicle dismantlers using authorized haulers or towing companies. This should be arranged through the owner’s auto insurance. Because of the nature of the damage caused by fire, special handling should be observed during transport (see below).

If the vehicle is located on a burned private property and the property owner takes part in the CalOES/CalRecycle Phase II program, the vehicle can be left on site and it will be removed at the same time as the structural fire debris is removed through that program. If the property owner does not take part in the CalOES/ CalRecycle Phase II program, the property owner must file a cleanup plan with the City through the Local Program (Documents anticipated to be available on December 20th), which must be approved before structural debris removal can take place.

Vehicle removal best management practices listed below must be followed:

- Burned vehicles being removed should be burrito wrapped (CalRecycle protocol) and tarped for transport by the towing company/hauler.
- Water or an approved dust suppressant, or both, should be used to prevent dust nuisance at the site during vehicle removal and cleanup. Dust resulting from performance of the work should be controlled at all times.
- All visibly dry disturbed soil surface areas of operation should be watered to minimize dust emissions during performance of work.
- Reduce driving speeds on unpaved roads to minimize dust.
- Procedures should be implemented to prevent or minimize dirt, soil, or ash contaminating roadways, neighboring parcels, or creating an airborne health hazard.

Acknowledgement:

Vehicle owners and haulers must acknowledge receipt of this document and agree to abide by its conditions before removing burned vehicles and associated fire debris/ash. Signed forms must be returned to Helen Cox, Sustainability Division Manager, City of Thousand Oaks, 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 or emailed to hcox@toaks.org before vehicle removal.

Site address of vehicle: ____________________________________________________

Description of vehicle (make, model, year): _____________________________________

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Vehicle owner’s name     Hauler’s name

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Vehicle owner’s signature     Hauler’s signature