

On August 27, 2026, representatives from the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) continued making forward progress on the recovery effort of the Gann Fire.

Thursday's effort included a meeting with representatives of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Following the meeting, agency representatives were led to the Gann Fire burn area, and a Phase I plan for household hazardous waste cleanup was developed.

Starting on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, representatives from the Department of Toxic Substances Control, Calaveras County Environmental Health, and the Calaveras County Sheriff's OES team will be working in the burn area to collect household hazardous waste and bulk asbestos from damaged properties.

This waste may include:

- Paints
- Solvents
- Aerosols
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Household or automotive batteries
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Propane tanks
- Electronic waste
- Asbestos siding
- Pipe insulation
- Old chimney flues
- Lead-based paint debris

The collected hazardous waste will be properly transported and disposed of at no cost to the homeowners.

Homeowners of damaged properties are encouraged, though not required, to participate in this no-cost program.

Additionally, on Sunday, August 30th, members of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Watershed Mitigation, Coordination, and Outreach Unit will be in the Gann Fire burn area to identify watershed concerns. This visit will allow the team to collect the data needed to determine what materials will be needed for watershed protection. Watershed protection measures will begin once the hazardous materials cleanup reaches partial completion.

Calaveras County OES is asking that this posting be shared to reach as many people whose homes were affected by the Gann Fire as possible.

Questions and concerns can be addressed to:

CCOES@calaverascounty.gov or by telephone at (209) 754-2890.

Please note that OES is receiving a high volume of calls, and the team will return your call or message as soon as possible.