

Public Health Requirements for Temporary Use of Recreational Vehicles and Mobile Homes on Fire Affected Properties

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



As you rebuild your home, a Recreational Vehicle (RV) or Mobile Home may be used for temporary housing. Prior to using temporary housing, check with your local city planning departments for requirements and approvals. This resource guide provides information on the Department of Public Health requirements for temporary housing.

WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program: (626) 430-5380

To obtain approval from the Department of Public Health (DPH) for wastewater disposal from a Recreational Vehicle (RV) or Mobile Home, please submit the following documentation for review:

Recreational Vehicles (RVs) including, but not limited to motorhomes, travel trailers, camping trailer fifth wheel trailers, or truck campers.	Option 1	To utilize the existing septic system on the property, please submit the following form: An " Evaluation Form for Existing Onsite Water Treatment System (OWTS) " completed by a Qualified Contractor (QC) of the septic system. A QC is an individual who possesses a valid California Contractors' License as: Class A, C 42, or C 36. The form is available at: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/business/septic-systems.htm .
	Option 2	To have the holding tank of your RV pumped on site, please provide a copy of a current contract with a sewage pumping company that is licensed to operate in Los Angeles County.
Mobile Homes	To utilize the existing septic system on the property, please submit the following form: An " Evaluation Form for Existing OWTS " completed by a Qualified Contractor (QC) of the septic. A QC is an individual who possesses a valid California Contractors License as: Class A, C 42, or C 36. The form is available at: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/business/septic-systems.htm .	

***Only septic systems with a prior approval from DPH or the local Building and Safety Department (B&S) are eligible for use with temporary vehicle housing. To request a copy of the prior septic system approval, contact the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program or your local Building and Safety department.**

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POTABLE WATER

Drinking Water Program: (626) 430-5420

Potable water requirements:

- If you are serviced by a water utility company (e.g., LA DWP, Las Flores Water Company, Kinneloa Irrigation District, LA County Waterworks District 29, etc.), Public Health will contact your water utility company to obtain information on water availability. If you receive drinking water from a water well located on your property:
 - Please submit a completed "**Well Reuse Application**" to the Drinking Water Program for review and approval. The "Well Reuse Application" is available at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/safety/small-water-systems-wells.htm>.
 - After approving the "Well Reuse Application", the Drinking Water Program will issue a **Water Availability Letter** for submittal with your application to DRP.

If you have unique circumstances or require any further information, please contact the **Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program** at **(626) 430-5380**.