



Board of County Commissioners

April 5, 2011

Dear Property Owner;

The State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued a ruling on September 29, 2010 making the determination that all debris in the Fourmile Canyon Fire Zone must be treated as suspect asbestos containing material.

In order to comply with these regulations, provide current owners assurance that the cleanup done on their property was effective, and provide the safest possible environment for current and future residents of the area, Boulder County is requiring that the cleanup of all fire related debris be certified. All properties will be required to have an appropriately qualified inspector visit each property to certify that no suspect asbestos material is in evidence and that the site cleanup is complete. This certification will be required prior to issuance of a building permit for that site.

In order to assist property owners with this certification we will be offering a free inspection program through September 30, 2011. Boulder County has hired three specialty environmental inspection companies to conduct these inspections. Between now and September 30th, 2011, you may request a free inspection from Boulder County, who will coordinate with the one of these firms to perform the inspection. By requesting an inspection, you will be giving permission for these contractors to enter your property. You will be notified as to when the inspection is scheduled and given contact information for the inspection company. The foundation does not need to be removed for the inspection to take place.

This inspection will consist of one or more persons entering your property and visually inspecting it for remaining debris that may require additional cleanup. In addition, pin flags may be placed in the ground or spray paint may be used on foundations to indicate that additional cleanup is required. Photos and sketches will also be taken to document the site and include in the final report..

After the inspection, the property owner will be provided with a copy of the report. If a property has not been adequately cleaned, the report will specify that additional work needs to be done in order for the property to be certified as clean. Any additional cleanup will be the property owner's responsibility. Boulder County will continue the cleanup subsidy program that is currently in place for those who have no insurance or are underinsured. This program will also be extended until September 30th, 2011. Once the additional cleanup is complete a re-inspection will take place at no charge to the property owner.

The inspection request forms can be found at our building department or on our website at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/government/dept/pages/buildingdivmain.aspx> . If you questions about the cleanup subsidy program, please contact Hilary Collins at (720) 564-2224 or

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hcollins@bouldercounty.org . If you have any questions regarding this requirement please contact Michelle Krezek from our office at (303) 441-3561 or mkrezek@bouldercounty.org .

We thank you for your assistance in complying with the state requirements and your cooperation in this effort to keep our environment safe for all residents.

The Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County