

# **MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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As the Montecito area is repopulated after the Thomas Fire Mudslide, property owners, property managers, contractors and laborers are reminded that it is illegal to discharge mud and debris to the sanitary sewer system. There is a significant amount of mud and debris on private property that needs to be disposed of in a proper and legal manner. Some of this mud and debris is found in water features such as swimming pools, fountains, ponds etc., and should not be disposed of to the sanitary sewer system. Disposing of any liquid or waste not coming from a fixture / drain inside the home is illegal and in violation of Montecito Sanitary District Ordinance No. 12 and the California Plumbing Code. Violators will be subject to civil citations and criminal charges. Discharging mud and debris to the sanitary sewer system may cause a backup of wastewater into your home or an overflow from the District's pipeline system causing a public health risk. Your compliance in disposing of this mud and debris in a proper and legal manner is mandatory. Please feel free to contact the Montecito Sanitary District 805-969-4200 for further information or if you have any questions.