



## COUNTY OF LAKE

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### **Policy concerning Permitting of Temporary Dwellings While Recovering from Valley Fire**

Due to the extraordinary losses from the Valley Fire, the Governor issued an Executive Order that temporarily suspends (for up to 3 years) certain state and local regulations for the placement and occupancy of recreational vehicles and manufactured homes as temporary dwellings. This temporary suspension of regulations allows the County to issue permits for installation of RV's and MH's and conduct inspections based on minimum health and safety considerations for their installation on private property.

If you lost your home to the Valley Fire we will allow a recreational vehicle or manufactured home to be placed on your property for use as a temporary dwelling, provided that the following health and safety standards can be met:

1. The recreational vehicle or FEMA supplied manufactured home is for the occupancy of the residents of the particular parcel who lost their home on that parcel, unless being placed in a group site developed by FEMA or authorized by the County, or the unit is placed on another parcel in the Valley Fire Area with that property owner's permission as a temporary residence.
2. There is adequate area available on the property to place the recreational vehicle or manufactured home so as not to interfere with or impede the cleanup of the fire debris (if debris are still on the property).
3. There are no standing dead or damaged trees or other hazards in proximity of the unit that could fall upon or otherwise damage the recreational vehicle or manufactured home or harm its occupants.
4. There are no landslide risks to the site or the road providing access to the site that have the potential to trap or harm the occupants. (Dead-end road concern)
5. The site shall contain a water supply consisting of an operating well or community water service connection, with potable water.
6. A functioning septic system or public sewer system connection shall exist at the site. Septic systems need to be inspected by Lake County Environmental Health.
7. The manufactured home or RV shall not be placed on the site in a location that would impede reconstruction of the permanent residence.
8. The floor elevation of the RV or FEMA MH should be located above the 100 year flood elevation.

When these criteria can be met, please apply for a Temporary Dwelling Permit with the Lake County Community Development Department so that we can coordinate the necessary health and safety inspections and authorize electrical service for your temporary dwelling. You can obtain a copy of the permit application form and submit it our office in the Courthouse between 1 and 5 pm Monday through Friday. The form can also be downloaded at:

[www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/Community\\_Development/Valley\\_Fire\\_Information.htm](http://www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/Community_Development/Valley_Fire_Information.htm)

There is no fee for the permit, which will provide for the following minimum inspections to be completed prior to occupancy:

- a. Verification that unsafe conditions do not exist at the site for the recreational vehicle or manufactured home installation based upon the above stated criteria.
- b. Temporary electrical service.
- c. Inspection of electrical, water and sewer connections to the unit.
- d. Sites with on-site sewage disposal systems also need to be inspected by the Lake County Environmental Health Division to verify that the system was not damaged by the fire.

For those whose properties cannot currently meet the above minimum health and safety criteria, other options are being considered, such as placement of your temporary dwelling on another property owned by a friend or relative within the southern portion of the county, and development of small group sites on larger parcels. Please contact us at 707-263-2221 to discuss possible alternatives. We will do our best to assist you in finding an alternative solution.