



Fact Sheet Red and Yellow Tag



Example Only

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Red Tag:

If your home, garage, guesthouse and /or accessory structure has a red placard posted by a representative of the County of Santa Barbara Building & Safety, that particular structure is not safe for entry or occupancy.

Case 1: Building totally destroyed

Please contact us to assign you a case manager who will help you through the rebuilding process.

Case 2: Building partially destroyed, part of building has collapsed

Please contact us to assign you a case manager who will help you through the rebuilding process.

Case 3: Mud and debris entered the main house

- Step 1: It is recommended that the property owner hire a qualified person or entity to remove the mud and debris from inside the structure and around the exterior walls of the structure.
- Step 2: Once the mud and debris have been removed, please contact the Building & Safety Division to discuss the next step to repair and/or restore the structure.
- Step 3: Obtain a permit to remove the finish material to the extent necessary to identify the scope of damage and scope of required repair.
- Step 4: Obtain a building permit for repair or restoration.
- Step 5: Complete construction and resume occupancy.

Note: County will assign a case manager who will help you through the rebuilding process.

Case 4: Mud and debris entered the accessory structure only

Same as Case 3 above. Please note, electricity to the accessory structure must be disconnected before Edison will reconnect power to the main residence for occupancy.

Yellow Tag:

If your home, garage, guesthouse and/or accessory structure has a yellow placard posted by a representative of the County of Santa Barbara Building & Safety, it is likely due to (1) mud entering the under-floor area of your structure(s) and the existing utility lines, such as electrical wiring and gas piping; or (2) mechanical equipment in the crawl space such as furnace may have sustained damage or may have been compromised.

CASE 1: Main House received Yellow Placard

- Step 1: It is recommended that the property owner hire a qualified person or entity to remove the mud and debris from around the exterior of the structure.
- Step 2: Please contact the Building & Safety Division. A building inspector will guide you through the required evaluations and provide you with additional information as needed.
- Step 3: The building inspector will make a determination based on the level of mud intrusion into the crawl space before allowing re-entry and occupancy. The building inspector may require certain repairs and evaluation be completed prior to restoring utilities to the structure.
- Step 4: The building inspector will note whether a permit is required for some of the repairs. For example, repair of a damaged furnace will require a permit, however, removal of mud that entered under the house will not require a permit from Building and Safety.
- Step 5: Complete required repairs and call for an inspection (if a permit was required). Courtesy inspections are available for work that did not require a permit.
- Step 6: Resume occupancy.

CASE 2: Only Accessory structure received Yellow Placard

Same as Case 1 above. Please note, electricity to the accessory structure must be disconnected before Edison will reconnect power to the main residence for occupancy.