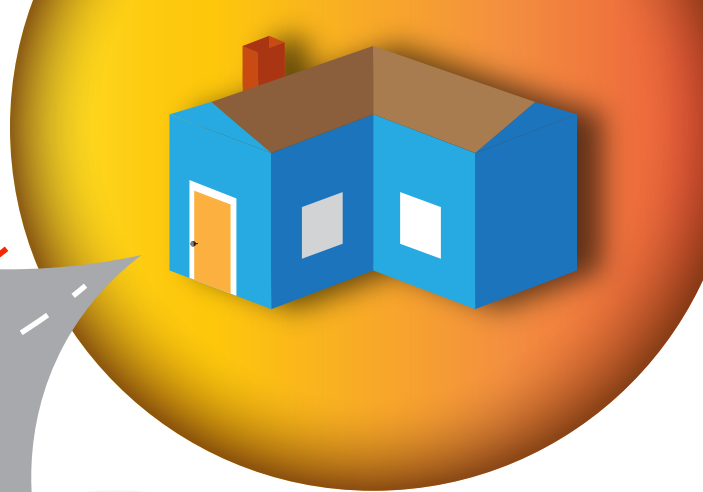


WHAT TO DO AFTER A WILDFIRE



Evacuating from a fire is stressful and frightening. After it's over, the next challenge is returning home and assessing the damage.

BEFORE RETURNING HOME

Check with the authorities. These may include your local fire department, your state's forestry and fire department, or the US Forest Service.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IRRITANTS

Once you have been given the all-clear signal from the authorities to go back home, you need to be sure and protect yourself by wearing:

- Safety goggles
- Gaiter or filtered mask
- Floppy hat
- Long sleeves
- Leather gloves
- Long pants
- Wool socks
- Leather boots

MIND YOUR SAFETY

Here are some things to check for and keep in mind as you drive to your property and start inspections:

- Do not go alone, bring another trusted adult.
- Go in the daylight, never at night.
- Drive safely and keep an eye out for caution signs.
- Check for downed telephone poles and wires.
- Do not park your vehicle close to structures that have been burned.
- Do not park under any trees that have been burned.

INSPECT PROPERTY

- Check for signs of active burning.
- Check roof and exterior foundations for structural damage.
- Turn off all appliances and make sure the meter is not broken. Then, turn off the main breaker.
- Check well or pump house.
- If you see anything that looks dangerous, call 911 and retreat from the area as quickly as possible.

TAKE INVENTORY

- Make a list as well as take pictures of the items that have been damaged.
- Wear gloves and other protective gear when handling any objects within your home or outside on the property.
- Ensure appliances are unplugged and the electricity is turned off before you start interacting with electronics.