



SAFETY MESSAGE

REPOPULATION

NAME OF FIRE: _____

DATE: _____

As residents prepare to return home, it's crucial to have essential safety information. Stay informed about health and safety issues. Specific hazards may exist when accessing your property after a fire, but first responders address many risks. However, some hazards could lead to ongoing health issues. We share this message as a helpful guide to keep you and your loved ones safe during this transition.

Body Protection / What to wear when you re-enter your property:

- Jeans, boots, gloves, long sleeve shirt, dust mask and eye protection
- NO SHORTS***
- NO OPEN-TOE SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS***

Caution when coming in contact with “cold” ash - it could potentially contain heated elements:

- Work in pairs and avoid working alone
- Avoid working in any ash-covered area for an extended period
- Maintain strong “situational awareness” - be aware of what's around you

Traffic safety:

- Be aware of first responder apparatus, utilities, and media vehicles
- Avoid bringing children and pets into traffic areas
- Utilize maximum caution and restraint when operating a vehicle, as pedestrians may be distracted and not paying attention to their surroundings

Caution when in and around damaged structures:

- Use appropriate shoes when walking in debris from damaged structures - there may be nails or other sharp objects
- Use caution when walking on any property space, as there may be voids that you could trip over or fall into
- Be aware of any standing structural components, including chimneys or other overhead hazards - they may be unstable and subject to collapse

Ash and other burned materials may contain chemicals hazardous to anyone - consider the following before departing your property post-fire:

- Wash your hands and boots before entering a vehicle or otherwise departing from the property
- Avoid placing your hands on your face, mouth, eyes, ears, or neck before coming into contact with others, and even pets
- Bring “wet” cleaning towelettes to wash yourself with
- Do not use your garden hose to wash around a damaged home - it may send hazardous waste into sewers and storm drains