



AFTER A WILDFIRE

Environmental Hazards

Wildfires alter landscapes by destroying underbrush and other foliage in forests. This disrupts natural systems and allows for increased risk of **flooding** and **landslides**.

Re-Entering Your Home

- Do NOT enter your home until officials tell you it is safe.
- If there is a color-coded sign on your home, speak to officials before entering.
- Check your roof and attic for hot spots, embers, or smoke.
- Maintain a “fire watch”—watch for sparks and embers that might reignite the fire.
- Avoid downed power lines and telephone poles.
- Avoid ash piles. Keep children and pets safe by accompanying them indoors and out, as they may be unaware of ash piles, hot spots, and embers in the area.
- Do not consume food or water that has been contaminated by heat, soot, smoke, or fire.
- Do not open safe boxes that are hot from a fire. Wait until they have cooled down.



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