

From FIRE

to

Future



A Checklist to Help You Reclaim & Restore

The aftermath of a fire can be overwhelming, but knowing the steps to take can help you move forward with confidence. While we hope no one in our community faces such a challenge, this guide—summarizing the essential tips from our Survivors' Corner—provides practical advice to support you in this time of need. Print it off and keep it handy, and if you need additional help, call our office.

- Contact a disaster relief service like the Red Cross to help you locate food, clothing, medicine and a place to stay.
- If you have insurance, contact your insurance company. Ask what you should do to keep your home safe until it is repaired and who you should talk to about cleaning up your home.
- If you are not insured, try contacting community groups for aid and assistance.
- Check with the fire department to make sure that your home is safe to enter. Be very careful when you go inside. Floors and walls may not be as safe as they look.
- Contact your landlord or mortgage company to report the fire.
- Try to find valuable documents and records.
- If you leave your home, call the local police department to let them know the site will be vacant.
- Begin saving receipts for any money that you spend related to the fire loss. The receipts may be needed later by the insurance company and to prove any losses claimed on your income tax.

