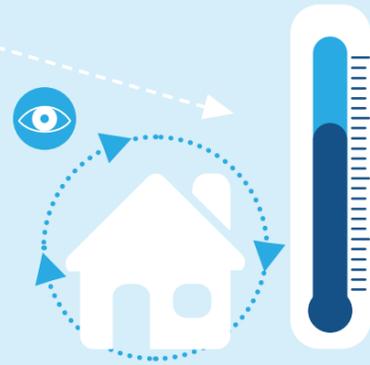


## AIR QUALITY

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE YOUR HOME



- Wear a dust mask (e.g., N95).
- Hydrate - OFTEN!
- Monitor air quality - via free phone apps or online information sources.
- Recirculate air - inside your home and your vehicles.
- Use air purifiers.
- Change all air filters regularly, especially during the first few weeks.
- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- Avoid strenuous activities outdoors.

## BEWARE BURNED MATERIALS

ASH AND CHARRED MATERIALS MAY CONTAIN HEALTH HAZARDS

- Wash your hands and footwear before leaving the property.
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, eyes, ears, neck, or other people and pets.
- Use "wet" cleaning towelettes frequently.
- DO NOT use a leaf blower - Gently sweep and use a wet mop to clean up the ash.
- DO NOT hose down your property - it will send hazardous waste into sewers, storm drains, and others' property.



## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR PETS

- Discuss your experiences and express your thoughts and feelings.
- Include children in discussions - They need to express themselves and have agency.
- Reach out for professional help if you feel overwhelmed.
- Reach out to your neighbors and assist when you can.
- Attend community meetings and stay informed through reliable sources.

## PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE; HELP IS AVAILABLE

- Replace any used supplies in your GO bag (or create one if you don't have one).
- If your property and home are secure, begin the work to enhance your wildfire preparation and your home's fire resistance.
- Join or start a Fire Safe Council or apply with adjacent homeowners to become an NFPA Firewise site.
- If you are planning to rebuild, choose modern, fire-resistant materials.



**USE THIS LIST AND CHECK EACH STEP AS YOU WORK TO RETURN HOME.**

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

**BE AWARE OF FIRST RESPONDERS, UTILITY WORKERS, AND MEDIA**

- Look for emergency apparatus and utility vehicles.
- Look for debris or damage to roads, sidewalks, and driveways.
- Watch out for damaged utility poles.
- Stay away from any downed wires of any kind.
- Drive carefully - pedestrians may be distracted, and displaced, injured, or lost animals may be on the roads.
- Know there may be media on hand, recording.

## PROTECT YOURSELF

**WEAR PROPER CLOTHING AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

- LONG SLEEVES, LONG PANTS - protect your skin.
- DUST MASK (e.g., N95), EYE PROTECTION - protect your nose, mouth and eyes.
- BOOTS, CLOSED-TOED ATHLETIC SHOES - protect your feet.
- WORK GLOVES - protect your hands.

## UTILITIES

**UNSAFE CONDITIONS? CALL 9-1-1.**

- Do not smoke or use any open flame (lighter, etc.).
- Report electrical problems, leaking gas, or damaged equipment to your local utilities.
- Use soapy water in a spray bottle to check for gas leaks (bubbles).

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

LAFD.ORG  
MYSAFELA.ORG  
WILDFIRELA.ORG  
LADWP.COM  
SCE.COM  
CALEPA.CA.GOV/DISASTER/FIRE  
THEREDGUIDETORECOVERY.COM  
FIRE.CA.GOV



## USE CAUTION!

**STRUCTURES MAY BE DAMAGED**

- Wear protective clothing and PPE.
- Avoid working alone.
- Bring a flashlight - the power could be off.
- Watch where you step - your property could be unstable and littered with debris.
- Beware of existing structural elements. Just because a chimney or pillar still stands doesn't mean it is secure. It may easily collapse.
- Do not touch batteries or power sources - they can be compromised. This includes vehicle batteries.

## INSIDE YOUR HOME

**EVEN IF IT APPEARS UNDAMAGED, USE CAUTION**

- Check for embers—they may have blown into your sub-foundation, attic, or eaves.
- Use caution with electrical appliances. If your electricity is off, turn all appliances off before restoring them. Inspect the meter for any visible damage.
- Do not drink water from your tap until officials declare it is safe to consume.
- Dispose of all spoiled, perishable, or contaminated food, even from your freezer.
- Check your security system, any alarm sensors, and your landline telephone.
- Check all chemicals or hazardous materials to ensure their containers are not compromised.

## OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

**USE CAUTION ON YOUR PROPERTY AND AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Remember: Working with a group of people is usually safer.
- Remember: Wear protective clothing, gloves, masks, and eye protection.
- Check for embers in rain gutters, on the roof, in the eaves, under overhangs, beneath decks, in crawl spaces, or even outside in wood-piles or debris piles.
- Avoid working in ash-covered areas for an extended period - the particulates are dangerous to breathe.
- Ensure all meters, propane tanks, and gas lines are functioning - if you notice ANY visible damage - DO NOT attempt to repair or use these services.
- Be cautious around trees - fire and heat can weaken them and make them fall more easily.
- Check any water pumps.
- DOCUMENT EVERYTHING - take photographs and/or videos for use in insurance claims.
- Don't enter a neighbor's property without permission.

# RETURNING HOME SAFELY

## AN ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Returning home after being evacuated can be stressful and uncertain. Although the fire may be out and the evacuation orders lifted, there are still hazards to your health and safety. Use this guide to help you manage your return home.

