WILDFIRE

WHAT DO I DO AFTER THE FIRE?

THE WILDFIRE HAS PASSED, BUT THE REAL WORK IS JUST BEGINNING.

ServiceMaster Restore is ready to help restore your property and restore your peace of mind. To begin recovering from a wildfire, follow these recommendations.

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Should your home or business be affected by a wildfire, the first steps you take can be critically important. Here are helpful tips for the things you should and shouldn't do immediately after the damage has occured.

WHAT TO DO

- Seek assistance from a fire damage restoration specialist. Corrosive by-products can cause irreversible etching in as few as 72 hours.
- If the temperature is above 60°F, air out the house to reduce smoke odour.
- Clean Formica, chrome, porcelain, and aluminum fixtures to prevent permanent tarnishing or etching.
- If your furnace uses forced air, the air filter will require replacement.
- Tape damp cheesecloth over returns and supply registers to capture loose soot in the air.
- Discard any open food packages.
- If the electricity is off, clean out the refrigerator and leave doors propped open.
- Send clothing with heavy smoke damage to a qualified restoration dry cleaner or restoration specialist.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Do not enter your home or business without clearance from the fire marshal.
- Avoid contact with anything using your uncovered or unprotected hands. Oil from your hands can permeate upholstery, walls, and woodwork, causing additional damage.
- Avoid cleaning or wiping the walls. Incorrect cleaning could compound the soot residue.
- Do not attempt to clean carpets or upholstered furniture.
- Do not use electrical appliances until having them checked.
- Avoid using ceiling installations if the ceiling is damp or wet.