



**Relief and Recovery Assistance Guide**  
**High Park Fire**  
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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Relief and Recovery Guide is to connect Colorado residents affected by the High Park Fire with disaster assistance and information. The Guide lists information on many programs and agencies. Updates and verification are continuously being made to this document. Updates are available at will be available at [uwaylc.org/get-help/emergency-resources/](http://uwaylc.org/get-help/emergency-resources/).

**You are welcome to dial 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for help in finding available disaster assistance services. Language translation services are available. Individuals with hearing and speech disabilities can call Relay Colorado at 7-1-1 (or 1-800-659-2656) to indirectly access Colorado 2-1-1. You can also visit [211colorado.communityos.org/cms/](http://211colorado.communityos.org/cms/) to review resources and search the database of services in your local community. Colorado 2-1-1 will help identify the best local resources to fit your individual needs after a disaster or for life's everyday situations.**

**Disclaimer:** Colorado 2-1-1 shall have no liability or responsibility of any kind to any user, other person or entity as a result of these guidelines. Colorado 2-1-1 is not authorized to give legal, insurance policy, health or contracting advice. The use of any or all guidance presented is solely at the discretion of the user.

## FIRE INFORMATION

	Service	Information
	<b>American Red Cross Fire Information Line</b>	303-235-6613 Call if you have inquiries about how the Red Cross is supporting the High Park Fire.
	<b>Evacuations</b>	<b>Evacuations Still in effect:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soldier Canyon and Mill Canyon areas. This includes Lodgepole Drive and CR 23 west and south including Red Cedar Drive, and east to CR 23.</li> <li>• Hewlett Gulch subdivision area. The area runs from the Glacier View 9-12 filings (already evacuated) east to the Hewlett Gulch Trail, north to CR 74E and south to HWY 14.</li> <li>• the 9th, 10th and 11th filings of Glacier View, to include the area west from Eiger Road to Rams Horn Mountain Road and north from the Mount Blanc Guardian Peak area to the north end of Mount Everest Drive.</li> <li>• Many Thunders Road and south into the 12th Filing of Glacier View. Roads included in this evacuation include Meadow Mountain Drive, Little Bald Mountain Court, Grey's Peak Court, Diamond Peak Court, Little Twins Court, Red Mountain Court, Pingree Hill Court, Rabbit Ears Court, Bullrock Court and Black Mountain Court.</li> <li>• Pingree Park Road, Hourglass and Comanche reservoirs, east on Buckhorn Road up to and including Pennock Pass, NE to junction with Stove Prairie and Hwy 14; West to junction with Highway 15 and Pingree Park Road</li> <li>• County Road 44H (Buckhorn Road) from County Road 27 to Pennock Pass and residents to the south approximately 3/4 - 1 mile.</li> <li>• Areas south and west of Bellvue to include the Lory State Park area, the Redstone Canyon area and Buckhorn Road up to the Stove Prairie School.</li> <li>• Poudre Canyon from MM111 to MM118 on Highway 14. This means Poudre Canyon from Stove Prairie to MM118 is under mandatory evacuations.</li> <li>• The area between CR 27E and Stove Prairie Road and south through the entire Rist Canyon area including Davis Ranch Road, Whale Rock Road.</li> <li>• South on County Road 44H 3 miles to just north of Stringtown Gulch Road, Paradise Park Road, Moose Horn Lane, Magic Lane and Spencer Mountain Road.</li> <li>• Old Flowers Road from Stove Prairie Road to the 8000-block of Old Flowers Road.</li> <li>• Stove Prairie Road north along County Road 27 to Highway 14, east along Highway 14 to approximately mile marker 111, southeast to Rist Canyon Fire Station 1, then back west to to include Wilderness Ridge Way, Rist Creek Road, Spring Valley Road and County Road 41 and all of the roads that run off of it.</li> <li>• Hewlett Gulch, King's Canyon area and Boyd Gulch Road.</li> <li>• Satanka Cove</li> </ul>

	<b>Fire Information Line</b>	<p>970-498-5500  Live agents from 8:00am to 9:00pm  Recorded information after hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on Fire Activity and Containment</li> <li>• Updated on affected areas</li> <li>• Updates on Fire Personnel and Equipment being utilized</li> <li>• Road Closures</li> <li>• Evacuated Areas Information</li> <li>• Re-Entry for Evacuees Information (when applicable)</li> </ul>
	<b>Fire Updates</b>	<p>Check here for the latest postings on the status of the fire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Twitter @larimersheriff</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.larimersheriff.org">www.larimersheriff.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.larimer.org/emergency">www.larimer.org/emergency</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2904">www.inciweb.org/incident/2904</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Lifted Evacuations</b>	<p>Residents of some neighborhoods will need to provide identification with proof of address in order to receive credentials allowing them into the area. These credentials can be obtained at the road block or at The Ranch. One form may be filled out to gain access for multiple vehicles, however, do not show up at road blocks expecting to gain access to property without proper credentials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of June 16, residents living along Highway 14 between CR 29C and Gateway Park were being allowed back to their homes with proper credentials.</li> <li>• As of June 14, residents of CR 29C and McMurray Ranch Road are being allowed back to their homes with proper credentials.</li> <li>• As of June 14, Bonner Peaks and Bonner Springs subdivisions plus Ingleside Road are open to residents.</li> <li>• As of June 14, CR 27, including Big Bear Road but not Otter Road, is open to residents with credentials at the road block at Big Bear Road.</li> <li>• As of Tuesday, June 12 residents on CR 38E from Gindler Ranch Road west to Milner Ranch Road are allowed to return to their homes with credentials.</li> <li>• Residents of the Shoreline Drive area from north of County Road 38E from the west side of the reservoir to just east of County Road 25E with credentials. (on pre-evacuation notice)</li> <li>• Evacuations have been lifted for residents of the Bellvue area from County Road 27E to the east, excluding Brianna Lane and Suri Trail. This area does not have a road block.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Pre-Evacuations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-evacuation orders were issued for the Shoreline Road area south of Lory State Park with the southern border being CR38E, eastern border of Horsetooth Reservoir and west to Red Stone Canyon. Residents in these areas were put on a 2-hour notice.</li> <li>• CR 74E remains open and a pre-evacuation alert remains in effect for the rest of Glacier View subdivision (including the area north of CR 74E), and the area south of CR 74E between Hewlett Gulch Road to the east and CR 68C to the west and HWY 14 to the south.</li> <li>• Fire officials have issued a new pre-evacuation order for the area of Hwy 14 from the Pingree Park Road west to approximately mile marker 90, just west of the Glen Echo Resort. .. This includes a road called Rustic Road, which runs south off of Hwy 14 (just west of Glen Echo). <u>IF residents need to evacuation, they will need to go west on Hwy 14 to Walden.</u> Residents in this area need to be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Recreation Area Closures</b></p>	<p><b>Larimer County Natural Resources</b>  <a href="http://www.larimer.org/natural">www.larimer.org/natural</a>  970-679-4570 dial 6 to speak to staff about existing camping reservations and closures.  1-800-397-7795</p> <p><b>Campgrounds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Poudre Canyon campgrounds are closed</li> <li>• Jacks Gulch is closed</li> <li>• Tom Bennett is closed</li> <li>• Horsetooth</li> </ul> <p>As of June 19, 2012, boat-in campsites are open, no campfires are allowed at these sites</p> <p><b>Trails:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Poudre Canyon Trails are closed</li> <li>• Dunraven trailhead trails (North Fork) are closed</li> <li>• All trials east of Zimmerman and Brackenbury trial to RMNP in Comanche Peak Wilderness are closed</li> <li>• Horsetooth Mountain Open Space is closed</li> <li>• Eagles Nest Open Space is closed</li> <li>• All Pingree Park Rd. and Crown Point Rd. Trials are closed</li> </ul> <p><b>Picnic/Day Use:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horesetooth Reservoir is Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boating on the north end of the reservoir will be restricted indefinitely in support of helicopter use for the High Park Fire. Buoys will be in place noting restricted areas on the water. .</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Eagles Nest Open Space is closed</li> <li>• Horsetooth Mountain Open Space is closed</li> <li>• All Poudre Canyon and Pingree Park Rd. Sites are closed</li> </ul> <p>-Lory State Park is closed</p>

	<p><b>Road Closures/ Restrictions</b></p>	<p><b>The Following Roads are Closed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hwy 14 (Poudre Canyon) is closed from Rustic to Gateway Park.</li> <li>• CR 25E (Redstone Canyon) is closed at intersection of 38E.</li> <li>• CR 27 (Stove Prairie Road) from Big Bear Road to Hwy 14.</li> <li>• CR 44H (Buckhorn Rd) from CR27 west.</li> <li>• CR 52E (Rist Canyon Rd) Stove Prairie to Bellvue CR 23 North near North Horsetooth Reservoir (South Centennial/CR23 is open) Forest Service Rd 152 (Old Flowers Road) Road off 74E including Many Thunders Road, Eiger Road, Green Mountain Road and Gate 1 CR63E Pingree Park Road and Crown Point Road from Hwy 14 Roads south of CR74E are closed. This includes areas south and east of McNay Hill, Hewlett Gulch Road, Deer Meadow Way, Gordon Creek Lane and all connecting roads in that area.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Following Roads are Open with Restricted Access (Residents Only):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads in the area of CR27 are open from Masonville to Big Bear Road to residents only. (Excludes Otter Road).</li> <li>• CR29C and McMurray Ranch Road.</li> <li>• Hwy 14 from Hwy 287 to Gateway Park</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Structures Affected by the fire</b></p>	<p><b>Damaged Property Hotline</b>  970-619-4086  The line is staffed Monday-Sunday 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>Call this number if you cannot attend the citizens briefing for information regarding the status of your property. Only one line is active at this time, so please do not call for information before it has been announced. That information for your neighborhood is being released at that day's citizens meeting and please do not call prior to the 3 p.m. meeting as information will not be available.</p> <p>These areas are not a total loss. There are structures still standing in these areas as well. These are only estimates of structure loss and not a comprehensive list of areas affected. Individuals should not assume their home is a loss.</p> <p><i>Officials are informing homeowners about fire damage as that information becomes available, and the priority will be getting this information to residents first. As more assessments are made and information becomes available, residents will be notified by subdivision at the daily citizens' briefings. This process could take several weeks to complete as the fire is still active and growing.</i></p>

## IMMEDIATE RESOURCES

	SERVICE	LOCATION & PHONE NUMBER	HOURS & OTHER INFORMATION
	<b>Animal Evacuations</b>	<b>Larimer Humane Society Dispatch</b> at 970-226-3647 ext. 7	Call if you need animals retrieved from your property or need assistance with one-time water/food provision for animals on your property.
	<b>Baby Items</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley Church</b> 5220 Rist Canyon Rd Bellvue, CO 80512 970- 484-4761	Baby kits are being distributed at Pleasant Valley Church.  Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm  Those who cannot go to Pleasant Valley Church can call and arrange drop off.
	<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley Church</b> 5220 Rist Canyon Rd Bellvue, CO 80512 970- 484-4761	Cleaning kits are being distributed at Pleasant Valley Church.  Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm  Those who cannot go to Pleasant Valley Church can call and arrange drop off.
	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>McKee Building - The Ranch</b> 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO 80538	Colorado Friendship has a van at the McKee Building Hours : 1:00pm-5:00pm through Friday, June 22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New men's, women's, children's underpants</li> <li>• New men's, women's, children's socks</li> <li>• New women's sports bras and a few "fancy" regular bras</li> <li>• New men's and women's tank tops/undershirts</li> <li>• New children's Crocs</li> <li>• New men's polo shirts</li> <li>• A limited variety of new clothing and outerwear</li> <li>• Used but clean and in good shape: men's, women's, children's clothing and outerwear</li> <li>• Mostly used, but some new, men's,</li> </ul>

		<p>women's, and children's shoes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A limited amount of throw-away diapers</li> <li>• A limited amount of new toiletries</li> <li>• Some bedding items</li> <li>• Mostly used - but in good shape - children's toys and stuffed animals</li> </ul>
<b>Debris and Waste Materials Disposal</b>		See the <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> section of this packet for more information on cleaning up debris after a fire.
<b>Disaster Legal Services Program</b>	<p><b>Colorado Bar Association's Disaster Legal Services Program</b> 1-800-332-6736</p>	<p>The toll-free telephone number is available for free legal consultations for High Park Fire evacuees having legal questions arising from the Fire.</p> <p>Callers' contact information and the nature of their questions will be taken and they will receive a return phone call from a volunteer attorney to help answer them at no cost.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association and the Larimer County Bar Association.</p>
<b>Disaster Recovery Center</b>	<p><b>Colorado State University Johnson Hall</b> 950 E. Drive, Fort Collins, CO, 80523 Use the south entrance, room 222</p> <p><a href="http://www.larimer.org">www.larimer.org</a></p> <p><b>Directions to the DRC:</b> Driving south, just past Laurel St., on College Ave. turn right on University Ave., right on East Drive north to the parking lot directly across from Johnson Hall. Driving north, just past Prospect Road, turn left on Pitkin St., right on East Drive, north to the parking lot directly across from Johnson Hall</p> <p><b>Parking:</b> CSU is providing free parking for</p>	<p>Larimer County, Colorado will open the Fire Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), a one-stop opportunity to receive services and obtain information on County, State, and CSU services.</p> <p><b>Hours:</b> Monday- Friday, 7:00am – 7:00pm Saturday &amp; Sunday , 9:00am – 3:00pm Hours can be extended or cut-back as needed. DRC Duration is guesstimated at 3-4 weeks, as needed.</p> <p><b>Services Available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larimer County Department of Human Services – Determines Eligibility for State and Federal Programs and temporary assistance.</li> <li>• Larimer County Dept. of Health &amp; Environment – Information on clean-</li> </ul>

		<p>those needing services. Parking is directly south of the CSU Administration Building (and directly west of Johnson Hall), on the east side of the lot. This is a lot with parking meters, but spaces have been set aside free-of-charge for fire victims.</p>	<p>up/debris removal, vaccinations, air and water quality, septic systems, personal health information, and more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larimer County Planning &amp; Building Services</li> <li>• Housing Counseling</li> <li>• Mental Health Services</li> <li>• American Red Cross</li> <li>• Colorado 2-1-1</li> <li>• Extension</li> <li>• CSU Services</li> <li>• Tools</li> <li>• Internet</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Donation Collection Center</b></p>	<p>Donations Collection Center DONATION DROP OFF ONLY</p> <p><b>Foothills Mall</b> 215 E. Foothills Parkway Fort Collins, 80525</p> <p>The Donations Collection Center will be open: 9:00am - 7:00pm Open seven days a week</p>	<p>Larimer County, in partnership with Adventist Community Services Disaster Response, opened Donations Collection Center</p> <p><b>Needed items at the Donations Collection Center include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diapers: adult and baby</li> <li>• Wipes</li> <li>• Personal hygiene items</li> <li>• New packaged underwear</li> <li>• Non-perishable foods NO HOME COOKED FOOD</li> <li>• Animal foods</li> <li>• New bedding: sheets, blankets and pillows</li> <li>• Laundry and cleaning supplies</li> <li>• Large trash cans and trash bags</li> <li>• Work gloves, new shovels, rakes</li> <li>• N-95 masks</li> <li>• Cash donations will be accepted</li> </ul> <p><u>Please NO used clothing or bottled water.</u></p> <p><b>Donations will be made available to those affected by the High Park Fire starting June 21.</b></p> <p>Those wanting to volunteer should NOT go to the Donations Collection Center. For information on volunteering, please go to:</p>

		<p><a href="http://www.HelpColoradoNow.org">www.HelpColoradoNow.org</a>  <u>Larimer County and voluntary agency partners, would like to thank the Foothills Mall, for their generosity.</u></p>
<b>Evacuation Shelter</b>	<p><b>Red Cross Evacuation Centers</b></p> <p><b>The Ranch</b>  5280 Arena Circle  Loveland, CO 80538</p> <p><b>Cache La Poudre Middle School</b>  Located at: 3515 W. CR 54G  Laporte, CO</p>	<p>Services are offered to anyone who is an evacuee of the High Park Fire. You do not have to stay at the shelter to receive their other services.</p> <p>Services included shelter, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks available throughout the day), minor health care, mental health care, and updated information from citizens’ briefings.</p> <p>Available to all evacuees affected by the fire.</p>
<b>Financial Donations</b>	<p>At this time the following organizations are accepting financial donations:</p> <p><b>The Salvation Army</b>  303-866-9216  1370 Pennsylvania Ave.  Denver, CO 80132  <a href="http://www.imsalvationarmy.org">www.imsalvationarmy.org</a></p> <p><b>American Red Cross</b>  1-800-733-2767  444 Sherman St.  Denver, CO 80203  <a href="http://www.coloradoredcross.org">www.coloradoredcross.org</a></p> <p><b>The Larimer Humane Society</b>  5137 S. College Ave.  Fort Collins, CO 80525  <a href="http://www.larimerhumane.org">www.larimerhumane.org</a></p> <p><b>Adventist Community Services (ACS) Community LIFT</b>  <a href="http://www.acslift.org">www.acslift.org</a></p> <p><b>Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department</b>  RCVFD - Treasurer  PO Box 2  Bellvue, CO 80512  <a href="http://www.rcvfd.org">www.rcvfd.org</a></p>	<p>Financial Donations are the most effective way help during a wildfire. Cash allows disaster agencies to purchase exactly what is needed</p> <p>2-1-1 Colorado does not promote one charity over another. Please donate to a charity of your choice.</p> <p><b>For the American Red Cross:</b> Designate it to the Northern Colorado Chapter- High Park Fire</p> <p><b>For ACS Community LIFT:</b> Note in the Comments that you would like to donate to the High Park Fire</p>

	<b>Food</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley Church</b> 5220 Rist Canyon Rd Bellvue, CO 80512 970- 484-4761	Food kits (can feed a family of 4 for a week) are being distributed at Pleasant Valley Church.  Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm  Those who cannot go to Pleasant Valley Church can call and arrange drop off.
	<b>Health Information</b>	<b>Larimer County Health Department</b> 970-498-6700 www.larimer.org/health <b>COHELP</b> 1-877-462-2911	For general health information
	<b>Hygiene/ Personal Care Items</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley Church</b> 5220 Rist Canyon Rd Bellvue, CO 80512 970- 484-4761	Boxes of personal care items are being distributed at Pleasant Valley Church.  Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm  Those who cannot go to Pleasant Valley Church can call and arrange drop off.
	<b>In-Kind Donations</b>	www.helpcoloradonow.org	If you would like to donate something other than what is needed at the donation center listed above, please register your donation on this website and agencies may contact if the need arises.
	<b>Insurance Claims</b>		Each homeowner should work with their insurance company and review their policy (out of pocket expenses, ALE coverage, limits, etc.) BEFORE searching for a unit or signing a lease.  If evacuees have home insurance it is suggested that they contact their insurance agents to specifically ask if their policy has "Additional Living Expenses" included in their policy for another possible means of assistance during this time.  See the I section of this packet for more information.

	<p><b>Internet Access</b></p>	<p><b>The Ranch McKee Building</b> 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO 80538</p> <p><u>Fort Collins:</u> <b>Poudre River Public Library Main Branch</b> 201 Peterson St Fort Collins, CO 80524</p> <p><b>Council Tree Branch</b> 2733 Council Tree Ave Ste 200 Fort Collins, CO 80525</p> <p><b>Harmony Branch</b> 4616 S. Shields Fort Collins, CO 80526</p> <p><b>The Disaster Recovery Center Johnson Hall</b> 950 E. Drive Fort Collins, Colorado, 80523 Use the south entrance, room 222</p> <p><u>Loveland:</u> <b>Loveland Public Library</b> 300 N Adams Loveland, CO 80537</p>	<p>Computer Labs are located at the McKee Building and The Ranch.</p> <p>There is also free internet access at the public libraries.</p> <p>Hours Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-9pm Friday 10am - 6 pm Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Hours Monday-Saturday 10 am-9 pm Sunday 12pm - 6pm</p> <p>Hours Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm Friday 10am - 6 pm Saturday 10 am. - 5pm Sunday 1pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Monday- Friday, 7am-7pm Saturday &amp; Sunday – 9am-3pm</p> <p>Hours Monday-Thursday: 9am-8pm Friday-Saturday: 9am-6pm</p>
	<p><b>Large Animal Shelter</b></p>	<p><b>The Ranch</b> 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO 80538</p>	<p>The Ranch is located directly adjacent to I-25, just North of Highway 34, in Loveland, Colorado. To reach The Ranch, exit I-25 at Crossroads Blvd., Exit 259. Travel East 1 mile to Fairgrounds Avenue (County Road 5) and go North to the entrance.</p>

	<b>Laundry</b>	<b>The Ranch</b> 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO 80538	Four washers and 6 dryers will be available at the McKee building at the Ranch. Staff will be available to run the machines. Evacuees can bring bags with their names on it from 8am-5pm 7 days a week.  Laundry soap and bleach will also be provided
	<b>Long Term Housing Rental Donation</b>	<a href="http://www.northerncoloradorentals.com">www.northerncoloradorentals.com</a>  <a href="http://www.coloradohousingsearch.com">www.coloradohousingsearch.com</a>	List donations for VACANT rental properties, vacation homes, etc.  There is now a new Property Type called "Housing for High Park Fire Evacuees" for those who have rental housing available.  Any questions email: <a href="mailto:info@NorthernColoradoRentals.com">info@NorthernColoradoRentals.com</a> . If the housing is ONLY for evacuees, you can call: 970-412-6742, and will list it for FREE.  Other donations for VACANT rental properties, vacation homes, etc.
	<b>Mail</b>	<b>Laporte Post Office</b> 2724 N Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535 970- 482-2591	Mail for the Bellvue area has been rerouted to the Laporte Post Office and can be picked up after 4PM on Monday 6/11/2012 and after 2PM after Monday.
	<b>Mental Health Resources for Evacuees</b>	<b>The Ranch</b> 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO 80538  <b>Fort Collins Connections</b> (Touchstone Health) 970-221-5551 <b>Loveland Counseling Connections</b> (Touchstone Health) 970-461-8944  <b>Mental Health Crisis Line</b> 970-221-2114	For evacuees of the High Park Fire who need mental health counseling, two options are available.  Red Cross has mental health counselors to help all evacuees at the Evacuation Center <b>at the Ranch</b>  <b>Touchstone Health</b> is available for evacuees also for both Loveland and Fort Collins offices. Call either branch of Connections provided by Touchstone Mental Health for assistance.  For after hours mental health needs.

	<b>Reverse 9-1-1 Registration</b>	www.leta911.org	Residents can sign up to receive emergency notifications on cell phones or email
	<b>Safe and Well</b>	safeandwell.communityos.org	<p>If you have been evacuated or are looking for someone who has been evacuated, you can register or check the registry at Red Cross Safe and Well.</p> <p>Register as "High Park Fire" for the incident type. 2-1-1 can assist folks if needed (just dial 2-1-1 from your phone).</p>
	<b>Small Animal shelter</b>	<b>Larimer Humane Society</b> 6317 Kyle Avenue Fort Collins, CO 80525 970- 226-3647 ext. 7 www.larimerhumane.org	The Larimer County Humane Society is open to take small/domestic animals.
	<b>Tools</b>	<b>Disaster Recovery Center</b> Johnson Hall 950 E. Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80523 Use the south entrance, room 222	Tools and equipment such as gloves, shovels, sifters and home re-entry tools are being offered at the Disaster Recovery Center by the American Red Cross
	<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Larimer County Disabled American Veterans</b> Erin Straub larimerdav@gmail 970-290-8621	Larimer County Disabled American Veterans are coordinating resources for veterans displaced by the High Park Fire. DAV's natural disaster fund supports hotel stays for veterans who are out of their homes. Veterans in Northern Colorado who have been displaced by the fire should contact Erin Straub. If you're a veteran who has been displaced by the fire, or you know someone who is, the DAV might be able to help.

	<b>Volunteer Needs</b>	<a href="http://www.helpcoloradonow.org">www.helpcoloradonow.org</a>	<p><b>DO NOT GO TO THE SCENE OF A DISASTER</b></p> <p>A limited number of volunteer opportunities have been identified. Please sign up on <a href="http://www.helpcoloradonow.org">www.helpcoloradonow.org</a> and you may be contacted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The arrival of unexpected volunteers will interfere with response efforts</li> <li>-<b>STAY SAFE</b> by volunteering with a reputable agency!</li> <li>-Volunteers will be needed most during the recovery phase. Please be patient and <b>WAIT</b> until relief agencies can train you and use your help</li> </ul>
	<b>Further Fire Resources</b>	<b>Larimer County Extension</b> <a href="http://www.ext.colostate.edu/fire/">www.ext.colostate.edu/fire/</a>	For more resources on fire preparedness and the recovery process go to the Larimer County Extension website.

## HEALTH CONCERNS

### Mental Health during a Disaster

Crisis counselors may provide outreach and education services about coping with the emotional difficulties in the aftermath of emergencies.

Symptoms may include anger, fatigue, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, nightmares, depression, inability to concentrate, hyperactivity and/or increased alcohol or drug use.

Stress may manifest in a different way for everyone and may appear weeks or months after a traumatic event. If you or someone you know is experiencing distress or feeling overwhelmed by painful emotions related to recent events, call the Touchstone Health Partners at 970-494-4300. Additional mental health and substance abuse information and referrals can be obtained by contacting Connections at 970-221-5551. If you, or someone you know, are in a life threatening emergency, **do not hesitate to dial 9-1-1.**

### Wildfire Smoke and Your Health

Smoke from wildfires is a combination of gases and fine particles from burning vegetation and trees. Smoke can hurt your eyes and irritate your respiratory system, with possible exacerbated symptoms in children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing respiratory and heart conditions. No matter your physical condition, if you see smoke from the wildfire in your area, limit physical activity and stay indoors if possible. **Inhaling smoke is unhealthy for everyone.** Protect yourself and limit your exposure to smoke by monitoring the local air quality reports.

### Air Quality

- Air quality updates are available at: [www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado\\_summary](http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary).
- For more general information on air quality monitoring and the use of alerts, see [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov)

### Symptoms Related To Wildfire Smoke

- Eye, nose and/or throat irritation-itchy eyes and/or runny nose.
- Coughing, sore throat.
- Chest discomfort, rapid heartbeat, fatigue, and shortness of breath may be symptoms of a health emergency.
- There is an increased likelihood of getting a cold or having cold-like symptoms following smoke exposure.
- If you have asthma or another lung or heart disease, follow your doctor's advice about medications and respiratory management plan. If symptoms persist or are severe, contact your primary health care provider. **Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.**

### **If Smoke is affecting you and/or Your Family:**

- If you smell smoke and/or are beginning to experience symptoms, consider temporarily relocating to another area as long as it is safe for you to do so.
- Seek out locations where air is filtered. For example, heading to the local mall, movie theater or recreation center can provide some temporary relief. Local health officials can often help locate places with better air quality during extended smoke episodes.
- Close windows and doors and stay indoors. However, do not close up your home tightly if it makes it dangerously warm inside.
- Only if filtered, run the air conditioning, the fan feature on your home heating system (with the heat turned off) or your evaporative cooler. Keep the outdoor air intake closed and be sure the filter is clean. Filtered air typically has less smoke than the air outdoors. Running these appliances if they are not filtered can make indoor smoke worse.
- If you have any HEPA room air filtration units, use them.
- In smoky air, reduce your physical activity level. Avoid exercise or other strenuous activities in heavy smoke.
- Make healthy eating choices, drink plenty of fluid, get ample sleep, and exercise in clean air. Mitigate stress as much as possible.
- Avoid smoking, secondhand smoke, vacuuming, candles and other sources of additional air pollution.
- Commercially available dust masks may seem like a good idea, but they do virtually nothing to filter out the particles and gasses in smoke.
- At night smoke can be heavy, especially if outdoor air is still. Close bedroom windows at night.

Adapted from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment ([www.cdphe.state.co.us/](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/))

### **Wound Care and Tetanus Vaccinations**

The risk for injury after a disaster is high, **especially during the clean-up** of debris. Proper care of wounds is important to avoid infection and other complications. Tetanus, a disease caused by bacteria that affects the body's nerves and muscles, is also a concern for persons with both open and closed wounds. Please review the following information regarding wound care and tetanus vaccinations. Do not hesitate to **dial 9-1-1 in a life threatening emergency**.

#### **Care for Minor Wounds**

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and clean water.
- Avoid touching the wound with your fingers while treating it.
- Remove obstructive jewelry and clothing from the injured area.
- Apply direct pressure to any bleeding wound to control bleeding.
- Clean the wound after bleeding has stopped:
- Examine wounds for dirt and foreign objects.
- Gently flood the wound with clean water, and then gently clean around the wound with soap and water.
- Pat the wound dry and apply an adhesive bandage or dry clean cloth.
- Provide pain relievers, if possible.

### **Other Considerations:**

- Wounds in contact with soil and sand can become infected.
- Puncture wounds can carry bits of clothing and dirt into wounds and result in infection.
- Crush injuries are more likely to become infected than wounds from cuts.

### **Wound Care: Seek medical attention as soon as possible if:**

- There is a foreign object embedded in the wound.
- The wound is at special risk of infection (such as a dog bite or a puncture by a dirty object).
- A previous wound shows signs of becoming infected (e.g. increased pain, heat, swelling, redness, draining, or fever)

### **Tetanus Vaccinations**

**Tetanus vaccinations are recommended for all residents returning to the disaster area who have not had a documented dose within the past ten years.** If you receive a puncture wound or a wound contaminated with feces, soil, or saliva, a health care professional should determine if a tetanus booster is necessary, based on individual records. Patients without a clear history of receiving at least three tetanus vaccinations and who have a wound should get the tetanus immune globulin (TIG) as well as the tetanus vaccination. Please speak with your personal physician or contact Larimer County Health and Environment at 970-498-6700.

## **INSURANCE**

### **Homeowners Insurance**

If your home has suffered damages because of the fire, please follow these guidelines regarding documentation and communicating with insurance agents.

- Residents evacuated from their homes should contact their insurance agents or companies immediately and let them know where they can be reached.
- Keep receipts. Out of pocket expenses during a mandatory evacuation are reimbursable under most standard homeowner policies; this may include living expenses while you are evacuated from your home.
- Be prepared to give a detailed list of damaged or destroyed personal property- this list should be as thorough as possible including a description of the items, dates of purchase and approximate age, cost at time of purchase and estimated replacement cost. Make a copy for yourself and a copy for your adjuster.
- Photos of the damage may help with your claims process-wait until authorities allow you back into your home.
- Make whatever temporary repairs you can. Cover broken windows, damaged roofs and walls to prevent further destruction. Save receipts for supplies and materials you purchase. Your insurance company may reimburse you for reasonable expenses in making temporary repairs.

Adapted from the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association

Information on the Homeowners Insurance Settlement Process can be found here [www.rmiia.org/Homeowners/Walking\\_Through\\_Your\\_Policy/Settlement\\_Process](http://www.rmiia.org/Homeowners/Walking_Through_Your_Policy/Settlement_Process)

Contact the Colorado Division of Insurance if you feel that your insurance company is not handling your claim appropriately. 303-894-7490

**Auto Insurance**

If your vehicle has been damaged by the fire, do not try to start it. Contact your insurance agent. Do not attempt to dispose of your vehicle at the landfill; it will not be accepted.

Further information on Auto Claims can be found through the Rocky Mountain Information Insurance Association:  
[www.rmiia.org/auto/steering\\_through\\_your\\_auto\\_policy/Filing\\_an\\_Auto\\_Claim.asp](http://www.rmiia.org/auto/steering_through_your_auto_policy/Filing_an_Auto_Claim.asp)

**Renter’s Insurance and Rights**

Renters/tenants are not responsible for the building in which they live; the landlord’s insurance policy should cover damages to the building. Tenants ARE responsible for their own belongings and liability. If you rent and your personal property was damaged or lost because of the disaster, please contact your renter’s insurance company as soon as possible.

Further information on Renter’s Insurance can be found here  
[www.rmiia.org/Homeowners/Walking\\_Through\\_Your\\_Policy/Renters\\_QA.asp](http://www.rmiia.org/Homeowners/Walking_Through_Your_Policy/Renters_QA.asp)

If a natural disaster damages or destroys a housing unit to the point of unsafe or uninhabitable living conditions (there are specific guidelines) this may violate the Warranty of Habitability Act. In this case, the landlord or the tenant may rescind the lease as long as the proper notice is given. Landlord-tenant laws vary from state to state and even county to county, please seek legal counsel for specifics (reasonable notice, health/safety repairs vs. uninhabitable living, security deposit, etc.). Information on rent abatement and/or security deposits should be disclosed in the lease.

\*Disasters often attract scam artists and those affected by the fire should be vigilant in protecting their personal assets. The best way to verify authorized insurance agent is to contact the Colorado Division of Insurance. Go to:

[www.dora.state.co.us/insurance/consumer/ConsumerMainPage](http://www.dora.state.co.us/insurance/consumer/ConsumerMainPage) and click on “Find a Licensed Company or Producer” (agent). Consumers can also call the Division of Insurance at 303-894-7490. Consumers should know that inspectors that come to your residence will never solicit for personal information such as social security and bank account numbers. Also, under no circumstances are insurance agents (and FEMA or SBA representatives) allowed to accept money- if you are solicited for an application fee or a fee to be put on a list to have your home repaired be cautious of this potential scam. \*

## **LONGER TERM ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION**

### **Larimer County Department of Human Services**

The Department of Human Services may provide services to assist individuals and families in achieving self sufficiency and social well-being including financial assistance for shelter, food, and medical care. Please dial 970-498-6700 or visit [www.co.larimer.co.us/humanservices](http://www.co.larimer.co.us/humanservices).

### **Employment Assistance**

If you lost your job as a direct result of the fire, you may qualify for unemployment benefits. Please visit the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment for information regarding these benefits: [www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-UnempBenefits/CDLE](http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-UnempBenefits/CDLE)

**Colorado Workforce Centers** provide a variety of free services to assist job seekers. These include job listings, computer & internet access, career counseling and training for job seekers. Please contact your Larimer County Workforce Center at 970-498-6600.

### **Change of Address**

A change of address form is available online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) or at any U.S. Postal Service location. If you change residence make sure that your address is current and all of the insurance agents that you have been working with are aware of your new address.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CONSUMER ADVICE**

Among many other stressors, disasters take a financial toll. Please review this link leading to the **Disaster Recover: a Guide to Financial Issues** to help you regain a sense of financial balance following a disaster, including suggestions on steps to take immediately, what to do in the initial weeks and months, and then how to begin planning again for the future.  
[www.redcross.org/preparedness/FinRecovery/](http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/FinRecovery/)

### **Social Security Payments**

Anyone receiving Social Security payments that have been interrupted can go to any Social Security office to get an emergency payment. For information about changing mailing addresses, obtaining a new card, direct deposit, or locating the nearest Social Security office, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. / Monday through Friday or go online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

### **Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**

Those who already receive SSI and SSDI should contact the Social Security Administration directly at 1-800-772-1213 to learn how checks may be reissued, cards replaced or to report a change in address.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud or if you want to find out how to avoid fraud when making purchases and paying for services, contact the Colorado Consumer Protection Division by telephone at 800-222-4444 or visit the website [www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/departments/consumer\\_protection](http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/departments/consumer_protection)

**Other Resources Include:**

<u>Better Business Bureau</u> 970-484-1348 <a href="http://wynco.bbb.org">wynco.bbb.org</a>	<u>Consumer Credit Counseling Service</u> call 2-1-1 for the nearest location
<u>Insurance Information</u> National Flood Insurance Program (Customer Service) 1-800-427-4661 (Existing Policies) 1-800-638-6620	<u>Insurance Complaints and Assistance</u> Colorado Division of Banking and Insurance Consumer Information 303-894-7490 Toll Free Outside of Denver 1-800-930-3745 Complaints 303-894-7499
<u>Veterans Benefits</u> U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs 1-800-827-1000 TTY 1-800-829-4833 Or online at <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>	<u>National Insurance Crime Bureau</u> 1-800-835-6422 <a href="https://www.nicb.org/">https://www.nicb.org/</a>

**LEGAL SERVICES**

Below are local resources available to those who need legal counsel and services due to the disaster. If needed, please seek legal resources regarding housing, family, consumer, public entitlements, education, employment, and health care access.

Colorado Legal Services	<a href="http://coloradolegalservices.org/co/homepage">coloradolegalservices.org/co/homepage</a> 303-837-1321	Civil legal services for low-income individuals and families.
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**DOCUMENT REPLACEMENT**

**Colorado Official Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce Records**

The Colorado Department of Public Health Environment, Certificates and Vital Records can help replace birth, death, marriage and divorce records. For more information call 303-692-2200 or visit [www.cdphe.state.co/us/certs/index](http://www.cdphe.state.co/us/certs/index).

### **Colorado Drivers License of Identification Cards**

The Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles can help replace identification documents. Please visit [www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv](http://www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv) to download required forms or find your local Department of Revenue.

### **Replacement Social Security Cards**

If your Social Security card was destroyed in the fire, it is important to replace the card because you will need to show the card to get a job, collect Social Security benefits and receive some other government services. Please visit [www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/](http://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/) to apply for a new card.

### **Preserving Wet Documents**

To preserve family treasures, review this informational link at the National Archives [www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-response/guidelines](http://www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-response/guidelines)

## **RETURNING HOME**

Do not return to your home until it is declared safe to do so by local authorities. Injury is very common after a disaster when returning home because of debris, sharp objects, and unstable structures. Protect yourself by wearing eye protection, a mask, sturdy boots, long sleeves, long pants and gloves when returning home and cleaning up.

**Masks:** the Center for Disease Control recommends that a well-fitted, NIOSH-certified air-purifying respirator (such as an N-95 or more protective respirator) be used to reduce the potential health impacts of dust and ash. If this type of respirator cannot be obtained, then at a minimum it is recommended that a face mask, sprayed with a fine mist of water be used to reduce exposure.

### **Pets**

If animals are lost during the disaster please contact local veterinarians, humane societies, pet shelters, and other facilities that might house animals. Be prepared to identify and document ownership when claiming lost livestock. The United States Department of Agriculture Missing Pet Network website at [www.missingpet.net](http://www.missingpet.net) may be of assistance.

Handle pets carefully and calmly as animals can become upset and react in unusual ways after a disaster. When you are allowed to return home, animals may become disoriented because of altered familiar scents and landmarks caused by the fire. If possible, leave your pet with a friend or family member, veterinarian, or a boarding facility while you clean and restore your home. Animals are naturally inquisitive and there are many dangers present in a post disaster area (sharp objects, downed electric lines, wild animals, disorientation leading to pet becoming lost, etc.).

## When Returning Home

- Use caution and good judgment when re-entering a burn area and your home. Never assume that the area is safe.
- Avoid damaged power poles or lines and down wires. Immediately report electrical damage.
- Watch for ash pits, holes full of hot ash created by burned trees and stumps.
- If your home was damaged, check with your local utilities company. Make sure gas and electricity are turned off before entering the area. Professionals should determine if gas and electricity are safe to turn on.
- If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve. Always call the gas company if you suspect a leak. If you turn off the gas for any reason, a professional must turn it back on.
- Inspect the roof immediately and extinguish any sparks or embers.
- Recheck for sparks or embers throughout the home, including the attic and crawl spaces, for several days after the fire. Sparks and embers can reignite.

## Propane and Heating Oil Tanks

- **Propane tank system- contact a propane supplier; turn off valves on the system and leave valves closed until the supplier inspects your system.** Tanks, brass and copper fittings may have been damaged from the heat and be unsafe. If fire burned the tank, the pressure relief valve probably open and released the contents.
- **Heating oil tank system- contact a heating oil supplier for an inspection of your system before using it.** The tank may have shifted or fallen from the stand and fuel lines may have kinked or weakened. Heat from the fire may have caused the warp or bulge. Non-vented tanks are more likely to bulge or show signs of stress. The fire may have loosened or damaged fittings and filters.

## Water Quality after a Fire

Your well or septic system could be adversely affected by the fire, power outages, equipment failure from fire damage, or contamination of water supplies. Be prepared, and have plenty of bottled water available for drinking and cooking when you return home.

## Wells

Wells at undamaged homes should be safe, unless they were affected by a fuel spill. If your house was damaged, disinfect and test the water before consuming it. The water system may have become contaminated with bacteria due to loss of water pressure in the plumbing.

## Public Well

If you use water from a public well, have a water sample collected and tested before drinking it. It may have been contaminated with bacteria due to a loss of water pressure in the plumbing.

## **Tank**

If you have an above-ground tank that was exposed to the fire, have the supply tested. If you are in doubt about water safety, have your water tested.

## **Water District**

If you get your water from a water district, contact them to ensure that the water supply has not been contaminated.

## **Septic Systems**

If you feel your septic system may have been damaged, discontinue use until a licensed professional has inspected the system. The system may have been impacted if:

- Plastic piping above ground has melted.
- The raised system was in the direct line of fire (i.e. grass on top is scorched).
- There is damage in the area where the pipes enter the home.

A lift station will not operate without power. Limit or discontinue use until power is restored.

## **Drinking Water Treatment in Emergencies**

Water supplies that are normally safe to drink and utilize for cooking and hygiene purposes may be adversely affected because of this disaster. If there is a water supply system disruption or loss of pressure because of line breaks, repairs, or power outages your water may need to be treated. If a safe supply of water is not available, it should be treated before being used for drinking, cooking, or brushing teeth.

Local or State Departments of Health will notify you that water should be boiled or treated before drinking; listen to your local radio and TV stations for a **“boil water advisory”**.

The following treatments only work in situations where the water is unsafe because of the presence of bacteria. If the water is unsafe because of chemicals, oils, poisonous substances, sewage, etc., do not use the water for drinking. If the water is cloudy, it should be filtered before treating. Filters designed for use when camping, coffee filters, towels (paper or cotton), cheesecloth, or a cotton plug in a funnel are effective ways to filter cloudy water.

### **Boiling (Boiling is the preferred method if available)**

- Boiling is the best way to purify water that is unsafe because of the presence of protozoan parasites or bacteria. Boiling should not be used when toxic metals, chemicals (pesticides, solvents, etc.), or nitrates have contaminated the water.
- Place the water in a clean metal or glass container and bring to a full boil. Continue boiling for at least one full minute.

### **Liquid Chlorine Bleach**

- If boiling is not possible, water can be made safe for drinking by treating with liquid household chlorine bleach, such as Clorox, Purex, etc. Household bleach is typically

between 5% and 6% chlorine. Do not use bleaches that contain perfumes, dyes, or other additives. Be sure to read the label.

- Place the water (filtered if necessary) in a clean container. Add the amount of bleach according to the table. Mix thoroughly and allow it to stand for at least 30 minutes before using (60 minutes if the water is cloudy or very cold).
- Purifying tablets or chemicals designed for use when camping or backpacking can also be an effective way to treat water. Always follow the directions on the package.

### Treating Water with a 5-6% Liquid Chlorine Bleach Solution

(Allow treated CLEAR water to stand 30 minutes; treated CLOUDY water should stand for 60 minutes)

Volume of Water To Be Treated	Treating Clear Water Bleach Solution to Add	Treating Cloud, Very Cold or Surface Water Bleach Solution to Add
1 quart/ 1 liter	3 drops	5 drops
1/2 gallon/2 quarts/2 liters	5 drops	10 drops or 1/8 tsp
1 gallon	10 drops or 1/8 tsp	20 drops or 1/4 tsp
5 gallons	50 drops or 5 mL or 1/2 tsp	5 mL or 1 tsp
10 gallons	5 mL or 1 tsp	10 mL or 2 tsp

tsp=teaspoon; mL=milliliter

### Storing Treated Water

- Use proper storage containers. Store the water in containers that are made for water storage, or glass and plastic jugs previously used for juice, milk, pop, or bottled water.
- Clean containers thoroughly before using and make sure that the container has a tight fitting cap. Never use containers that were previously used for pesticides, chemicals, solvents, anti-freeze, oils, etc
- Store in a cool place.

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## CLEAN UP

### Debris Removal and Handling

Please see the Immediate Resources table for the point of contact for debris removal and handling through demolition permits (if applicable).

### Fire Debris Removal

Ash and contaminated debris should be contained and disposed in a safe manner to minimize health hazards. Proper clean-up helps ensure that property owners and neighbors are protected against potential hazards and health risks of unattended ash and debris. Colorado State regulations require that all properties be properly cleaned of ash and debris before a building permit can be issued

The ash deposited by forest fires is relatively nontoxic and similar to ash that might be found in your fireplace. However, any ahs may contain unknown substance, including chemicals. In

particular, ash and debris from burned structures may contain more toxic substance than forest fire ash, because of the many synthetic and other materials present in homes and buildings. For example, car batteries or mercury light bulbs may be present in the buildings. In addition, older buildings have a greater potential to contain asbestos and lead. Protective clothing and equipment should be worn to avoid skin contact and inhalation of ash and other disturbed material. Avoid getting ash into the air as much as possible. The use of shop vacuums and other non-HEPA filter vacuums is not recommended. Gentle sweeping of indoor and outdoor hard surfaces followed by wet mopping is the best procedure in most cases. A damp cloth or wet mop may be all that is needed on lightly dusted areas.

Ash and debris should be wetted and hauled to approved landfills in a 6-mil plastic sheeting liner and placed in sealed dumpsters. Scrap metal must be rinsed with water before recycling, concrete foundations must be inspected for asbestos before recycling. When wetting ash and debris use as little water as possible and be careful to prevent runoff from entering drainage and sewers. If asbestos-containing material is known to be present in ash or debris follow OSHA guidelines for disposal and clean-up.

**Approved Locations to Dispose of Debris NOT Containing Asbestos:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER</u>
<b>Front Range Landfill WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.</b>	1830 Weld County Rd. 5 Erie, CO 80516 303-673-9431 720-839-6311 303-673-9431 303-968-9508
<b>North Weld Landfill WASTE MANAGEMENT OF COLORADO</b>	40000 Weld county Rd. 25 Ault, CO 80610 970-686-2800, ext. 23 970-418-8268

These landfills and the list are accepting High Park Wildfire ash, soils, and debris that do not contain friable asbestos. Additional landfills may be added to this list or may be contacted directly as noted above.

**Asbestos**

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that has been added into thousands of various types of building materials to add fire resistance, strength, and durability. Asbestos-containing materials may be part of your building-especially if it was constructed before the 1970's. A number of local, state, and federal regulations cover the handling and disposal of debris potentially contaminated with asbestos. If asbestos-containing material is known to be present in ash or debris in amounts greater than the trigger levels, they must be removed in accordance with Colorado Regulation No. 8, Part B. Trigger levels for single family residential dwellings are 50 linear feet on pipes, 32 square feet on other surfaces or the volume equivalent of a 55 gallon drum.

**Approved Locations to Dispose of Debris Containing Asbestos:**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION AND HOURS</u></b>
<b>LARIMER COUNTY LANDFILL</b>	5887 South Taft Hill Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80526 970-498-5770
<b>Republic Services Landfill, Inc. ALLIED WASTE SYSTEMS</b>	8480 Tower Road Commerce City, CO 80022 720-490-0230 303-459-8752
<b>Denver Arapaho Disposal Site (DADS) - WASTE MANAGEMENT OF COLORADO</b>	3500 S. Gun Club Road Aurora, CO 80018 720-947-2114 720-876-2633 720-977-2104
<b>Buffalo Ridge Landfill WASTE MANAGEMENT OF COLORADO</b>	11655 W CR 59 , Keenesburg, CO 80643 720-947-2114 303-886-9693 970-686-2800 ext. 23 720-977-2104
<b>Republic Services Landfill, Inc. ALLIED WASTE SYSTEMS</b>	8900 Hwy 93 Golden, CO 80033 720-490-0230 303-459-8752

These landfills are accepting High Park Wildfire ash, soils, and debris and waste materials known to contain friable asbestos. Additional landfills may be added to this list or may be contacted directly.

Please contact the Larimer County Health Department for questions on additional county requirements, the Larimer County Building and Code Enforcement to determine local permit requirements or if you need additional information on fire debris disposal, please contact the Solid Waste Unit or the Asbestos Unit.

<b>Larimer County Health Department</b>	970-498-6777 Dryan@larimer.org
<b>Larimer County Building and Code Enforcement</b>	(970) 498-7708 awhite@larimer.org
<b>Solid Waste Unit</b>	303-692-3348 Charles.Johnson@state.co.us
<b>Asbestos Unit</b>	303-692-3100 www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/asbestos

### **Household Chemical Disposal**

Household cleaners, fertilizers and pesticides may have spilled or the containers may have become compromised due to the fire or firefighting efforts. Keep children and pets away from leaking or spilled chemicals and call Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222) or Emergency Medical Services (dial 9-1-1) if anyone ingests chemicals. Clean up any chemical spill immediately with rags that you don't mind throwing away. Allow the fumes in the rag to evaporate outdoors, then dispose of the rags by wrapping them in a newspaper and placing them in a sealed plastic bag in your trash can. Do not put household chemicals in the trash or bury, burn, or pour chemicals down drains, storm sewers or toilets. Take household hazardous waste to a local collection program. Also, do not combine chemicals or smoke while using or cleaning chemicals as this may produce dangerous reactions.

### **Fire Suppressant Safety Information**

Please read below for information and precautions for all categories of wild-land firefighting chemicals and long-term retardants.

#### **People**

- Fire retardant contains ammonia and will sting if it gets into cuts or scratches or comes into contact with chapped or sunburned skin.
- Wash thoroughly with a gentle soap and water to remove all residues, as many of the fire chemicals could dry your skin.
- After washing, use a good-quality hand cream to minimize drying and chapping.

#### **Wood and Metal Structures**

- The red color of fire retardants comes from iron oxide (rust), which can be difficult to remove.
- Wash fire retardant off as soon as possible. Some of these products may discolor metal.
- Dampening a stained surface with water, and then scrubbing it with a wet, stiff-bristled brush has been effective.
- Power washers may drive the red colorant into the surface of the wood and should generally be avoided.
- Restrict water use to prevent puddles that may be attractive to pets.
- Avoid leaving standing puddles of water by using absorbent materials, such as sand or soil.

#### **Vegetation**

- Rinse fire retardant off vegetation.
- Avoid leaving standing puddles of water by applying absorbent materials, such as sand or soil.
- Leaf burn may occur since fire retardants contain fertilizer and at levels higher than what is often sold at garden stores. This could cause vegetation and plants to appear

dead after contact; however, they will generally recover and grow back, usually within one to two months.

- Fruit and vegetables exposed to fire retardant should be properly disposed of at a designated inedible food collection.

### **Pets and Other Animals**

- Shampoo your pet thoroughly, since many of the fire retardants are very drying to skin.
- Use materials that will effectively absorb any puddles after shampooing, or in areas where animals may have access. Materials, such as sand, soil, or other absorbents, should be used on any standing water or puddles.
- Avoid ingestion of water containing fire retardant or other chemicals – keep animals away from puddles.
- If your pet appears ill after drinking from puddles or standing water, make sure your veterinarian knows that the animal may have ingested a fertilizer-based product.

### **Food Safety After a Fire**

Food exposed to fire can be compromised by four factors: the heat of the fire, exposure to the smoke itself, chemicals used to fight the fire, and power outage as a result of fire. Generally, saving food that has been in or near a fire is not a good idea. Please dispose contaminated food at a local collection site.

#### **Heat**

Food in cans or jars may appear to be fine, but if they have been close to the heat of a fire, they may not be edible. Heat from a fire can activate food spoilage bacteria. If the heat was severe, the cans or jars may have split or ruptured resulting in unsafe food.

#### **Smoke**

Toxic substances which may be released in the smoke from burning materials are one of the most dangerous elements of a fire. The smoke can be hazardous and can also contaminate food. Any food stored in permeable packaging such as cardboard or and plastic wrap should be thrown away. Toxic smoke can permeate the packaging and contaminate the food. Discard any raw foods stored outside the refrigerator, such as potatoes or fruit, as they too could be contaminated by exposure to the smoke. Even food stored in the refrigerator or freezer can become contaminated by smoke exposure as the seals are not necessarily airtight. **If food from your refrigerator or freezer has an off-flavor or odor when it is prepared it should be discarded and not eaten.**

#### **Chemicals Used to Fight Fires**

Chemicals used to fight fires contain toxic materials that can contaminate food and cookware. While some of the chemicals may be listed as non-toxic to humans, they may be harmful if swallowed. Fire-fighting chemicals cannot be washed off exposed foods. Foods that are exposed to chemicals should be thrown away. This includes food stored at room temperature,

such as fruit and vegetables, as well as foods stored in permeable containers like cardboard and screw-topped jars and bottles.

**De-contaminating canned goods and kitchen appliances.** Canned goods that have not been exposed to heat and are not bulging or split open can be salvaged. Kitchen appliances (refrigerator, freezers, etc.) that were exposed to chemicals can also be decontaminated. Wooden cutting boards, plastic utensils, baby bottle nipples and pacifiers should also be discarded. **To decontaminate:**

1. Wash canned goods (remove labels), cookware, and surfaces of kitchen appliances with hot water and soap.
2. Rinse surfaces with clear water.
3. Dip cans and cookware in bleach solution (1-2 teaspoons bleach per gallon of water) for 15 minutes. Wipe surfaces with same solution.
4. Re-label canned goods with permanent marker, include expiration date.

### **Power Outages**

The main concern with perishables stored in the refrigerator and freezer is the availability of electrical power. If a power outage has occurred, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Open the refrigerator as little as possible. Refrigerated items should be safe as long as the power is off no more than about 4 hours. A full freezer should keep foods safe for about two days; a half-full freezer, about one-day. If foods still contain ice crystals and/or if the freezer temperature is 41° F or lower and has been at that temperature no longer than one to two days, food that was safe when it was originally frozen should still be safe. These foods can be refrozen or cooked and eaten.

- Discard any perishable food that has been held at temperatures above 41° F for more than 2 hours, or any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture.
- Never taste food to determine its safety.
- If you have returned from being evacuated and are not sure if the power was shut off and then turned back on, check with your utility company.
- Check for suspicious signs in your refrigerator and freezer, such as the presence of liquid or refrozen meat juices, soft or melted and refrozen ice cream, or unusual odors.
- Sanitize refrigerators/freezers with bleach solution of one (1) tablespoon of bleach per one (1) gallon of water.

**Remember** that food unfit for human consumption is also unfit for pets. **If in doubt, throw it out!**

For more information call the Division of Environment Health and Sustainability at 303-692-3645.

### **Water Damage and Mold**

Water damage to your home from the firefighting efforts may increase the likelihood of mold contamination. To prevent mold growth, dry out your home as soon as possible (ideally within

24-48 hours). If mold has already started to develop it will often appear as spots, it may present in different colors and may smell musty. Mold may present certain health risks. In most cases, if visible mold growth is present, sampling is unnecessary. Health complications related to mold include nasal stuffiness, throat irritation, cough or wheezing, eye irritation, and in some cases skin irritation. Individuals with mold allergies may have more severe reactions. Immuno-compromised individuals, as well as people with chronic lung illnesses may get serious lung infections if exposed to mold.

**To prevent mold growth dry out your home as soon as possible.**

- If weather permits, open doors and windows to create a draft.
- If your home has electricity and **an electrician has determined it safe to turn on** use fans and dehumidifiers to remove excess moisture by blowing the air outwards rather than inwards.
- Remove standing water with a “wet-dry” shop vacuum, an electric powered water transfer pump, or sump pump. Be sure to wear rubber boots if operating equipment in wet areas. A portable generator to power equipment to remove standing water may be utilized, however, be aware that improper use may lead to dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide and can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Before turning on home heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems have them check and cleaned by a service professional if mold is a concern

**Properly remove mold and sanitize the area to help prevent future mold growth.**

- If the area of mold growth is greater than 10 sq. feet it is recommended to consult a professional
- First wash the area/item with hot water and detergent and rinse with clean water.
- Wash the area/item with bleach mixture (1 cup bleach to 1 cup water). **\* Never mix bleach with ammonia-the mixture creates a toxic gas that can kill you\***. Rinse with clean water.
- Thoroughly dry the area/items.
- Discard items that CANNOT be cleaned with HOT water.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles and an N-95 mask. Work in a well ventilated area.

Visit [www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide](http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide) for more information on mold growth and clean up.

**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death if inhaled. When power outages occur during emergencies, the use of generators, grills, camp stoves, or other gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal burning devices should never be used inside a home, basement, garage, or camper, or even outside near an open window.

Symptoms: Most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. Exposure to CO can cause loss of consciousness and death.

Carbon Monoxide detectors should be checked twice a year, at the same time batteries are checked. If conditions at home are too hot or too cold, seek shelter with friends or at a community shelter.

Some information adapted from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment [www.cdphe.state.co.us](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us)

## REPAIRS AND REBUILDING

If you are planning to renovate, deconstruct, or demolish a structure damaged by the fire, you will need to obtain an inspection and any required permits.

First speak with insurance agents and adjusters to discuss your coverage. Replacement costs will frequently include rebuilding to current codes and regulations. Improved methods and materials have become standard practice with more attention to updated weatherization and energy requirements. Be careful to choose a licensed and experienced architect and/or contractor and be cautious of scam artists and fraud.

Verify licensure, file complaints and find other consumer information through the following:

<b>Better Business Bureau</b>	970-484-1348	<a href="http://wynco.bbb.org">wynco.bbb.org</a>
<b>Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies</b>	1-800-886-7675	<a href="http://www.dora.state.co.us/index">www.dora.state.co.us/index</a>

Colorado law requires at least three business days notice, prior to outdoor construction or digging. Whomever is excavating -property owners or contractors- must call the Utility Notification Center of Colorado (UNCC) by **dialing 8-1-1** or 1-800-922-1987. UNCC will mark the site with paint, flags or stakes. Please respect the marks and dig with care, hand digging within two feet to buried piping and facilities. For additional information visit the UNCC website at [www.uncc2.org/web](http://www.uncc2.org/web).

The American Red Cross has created this booklet with further information on how to recover from a fire: [www.redcross.org/www-files/Documents/pdf/getting\\_assistance/pickingupthepieces\\_fire.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/www-files/Documents/pdf/getting_assistance/pickingupthepieces_fire.pdf)

## UTILITY CONTACT INFORMATION

To report problems with utilities or when utilities need to be shut off or during reconstruction, please refer to the following numbers:

### Electrical Services

<b>Xcel Energy</b>	1-800-895-4999	<a href="http://www.excelenergy.com">www.excelenergy.com</a>
<b>Poudre Valley REA</b>	1-800-432-1012	<a href="http://www.pvrea.com">www.pvrea.com</a>

### Natural Gas Services

<b>Xcel Energy</b>	1-800-895-4999	<a href="http://www.excelenergy.com">www.excelenergy.com</a>
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### Phone Service

<b>ATT</b>	1-800-288-2747	<a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>
<b>Verizon</b>	1-800-427-9977	<a href="http://www.verizon.com">www.verizon.com</a>