

Do's & Don'ts After a Fire



Do

- ✓ Immediately turn off heating and air conditioning system to prevent spreading of soot and odor. If it is necessary to use the system, change the filter first.
- ✓ Secure any doors or windows that may be damaged to prevent vandalism
- ✓ Blow-off or brush vacuum loose soot particles from upholstery, drapes, and carpets.
- ✓ If electricity is off, empty refrigerator and freezer completely, Prop doors open.
- ✓ Clean and protect chrome on faucets.
- ✓ Pour anti-freeze in sinks, toilet bowls, and bathtubs to prevent freezing if heat is off in the winter.
- ✓ Wash houseplants on both sides of leaves. (Water Softener Helps)
- ✓ Cover upholstery with sheets before using.
- ✓ Remove pets to a clean environment

Don't

- × Wipe or attempt to wash walls, ceilings, or painted surfaces
- × Use upholstered furniture if you can avoid it.
- × Attempt to shampoo carpets or furniture.
- × Use TV's stereos or electrical appliances until cleaned and checked.
- × Use any canned, packaged food or beverages that may have been subjected to heat.
- × Send garments to an ordinary dry cleaner. Improper cleaning may set smoke odor.