



This guide introduces a suite of materials you can use to help your community prepare for and coordinate action after a wildfire.



AFTER THE FIRE TOOLKIT

Created as a follow-up to the [Before the Fire Toolkit](#), this five-module [After the Fire Toolkit](#) addresses the post-fire realities when wildfire impacts a community. Even the most prepared residents will experience a degree of trauma and loss; these modules can help guide community wildfire adaptation practitioners and residents to plan for or initiate their post fire recovery journey. The After the Fire Toolkit contains video lessons that anyone can use, and facilitation templates for project coordinators and facilitators. All materials are available in Spanish and English.

Video Learning Series:

Module 1: Wildfire Trauma and Emotional Health

Module 2: During the Fire and Evacuation Period

Module 3: Returning Home: Physical and Emotional Health and Safety

Module 4: Returning Home: Insurance Claims and Cleaning Up

Module 5: Ongoing Relief and Recovery

Each video is approximately 30 minutes.

Coordinator/Facilitator Resources:

In addition to the video lessons, each module also has a complementary customizable

- facilitator's agenda for workshops and training
- slides for presentations and training

TOGETHER, THE BEFORE THE FIRE AND AFTER THE FIRE TOOLKITS PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT TO ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY IN FIRE ADAPTATION.

AFTER THE FIRE TOOLKIT: SUMMARY OF TOPICS

Module 1: Wildfire Trauma and Emotional Health

- Common emotional responses to trauma, including how trauma affects one's ability to think and organize information.
- Strategies to support the emotional health of a fire survivor and their family.
- Acknowledgment that wildfire recovery takes time and emotional responses can ebb and flow throughout recovery.

Module 2: During the Fire and Evacuation Period

- Expectations for communications, including potential information gaps, and ways to get accurate and helpful information.
- Tips for understanding temporary living situations and caring for pets during the evacuation period and while the fire is still burning.
- Roles of local entities in evacuation, sheltering, and wildfire relief.

Module 3: Returning Home: Physical and Emotional Health and Safety

- Watch-out situations to expect after a wildfire has impacted a community, including
 - Hazards in natural and built environments
 - Post-fire flood and debris flows
 - Unknown people
- Checklist of initial actions to follow upon returning home.
- Best practices to protect physical and emotional health and the environment in a post-fire landscape.

Module 4: Returning Home: Insurance Claims and Cleaning Up

- What to expect when making an insurance claim for damage to your property
 - Types of coverage
 - Claims process and your role
 - Payment process
- Assistance programs available for uninsured or underinsured
- Best practices for cleaning up fire debris on your property

Module 5: Ongoing Relief and Recovery

- How communities can prepare or implement disaster relief and recovery plans.
- Potential assistance programs.
- Best practices for landscape recovery.

For key talking points and additional resources, please see the facilitator's agenda for each module.

RESIDENT RECOVERY GUIDE WORKBOOK



The [Resident Recovery Guide Workbook](#) is for residents and local organizations to:

- begin to understand who can help and what assistance resources exist within a community
- start the recovery process
- avoid post-fire hazards

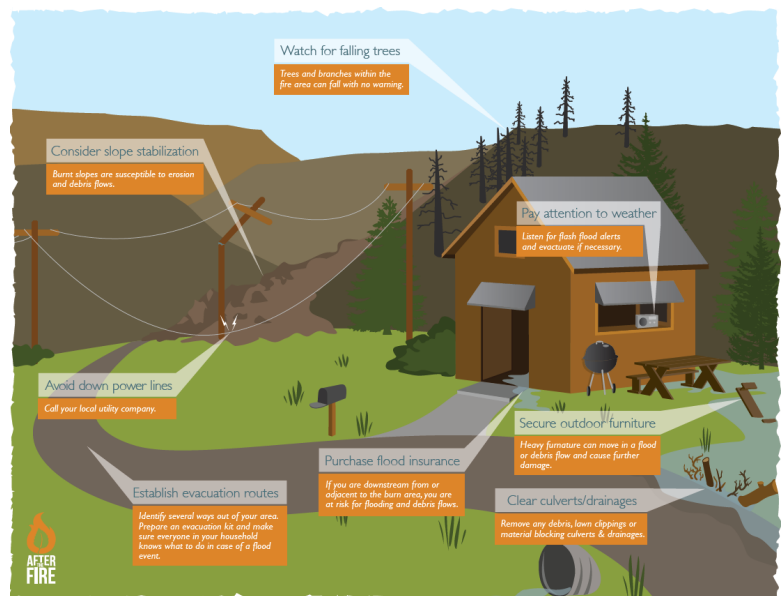
The Resident Recovery Guide Workbook is customizable and may be used as a stand-alone document or as a teaching or planning tool with the After the Fire Toolkit.

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RAPID RESPONSE TOOLKIT

Time is of the essence after a wildfire strikes. This [suite of tools](#) can help you quickly share crucial information with your community. Most resources are customizable and include:

- Post-fire hazard door hangers
- Press release and public service announcement templates on post-fire hazard topics
- Post-fire flooding risk messaging
- Flood insurance information
- Graphics for social media



[DISCOVER AND DOWNLOAD THE RAPID RESPONSE MATERIALS.](#)

PLANNING FOR RECOVERY

Planning often focuses on the disaster itself, but what about recovery from the disaster, which takes much longer? Here are a few resources to help communities coordinate and recovery efforts before or after a wildfire.

[Pre-disaster Planning Webinar](#)

Highlights why Pre-Disaster Recovery Plans are important, how they can be used, and what resources are available to help communities write these plans.

[Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Resource Guide](#) This quick guide provides an overview of the benefits of pre-planning, the phases of the recovery continuum, pre-disaster planning best practices, and additional resources.

[Community Organizations Active in Disaster](#)

Learn about Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), how they benefit communities, and their relationship with long-term recovery groups.

[Creating a Community Organization Active \(COAD\) in Disaster Resource Guide](#)

This resource guide provides suggestions for who should be involved in a COAD, the capacity needed to coordinate COADs, and additional resources.

INSURANCE

This suite of resources can help you better understand the insurance landscape for supporting wildfire recovery In Washington state, including the role of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

WEBINAR: Demystifying Wildfire Insurance Coverage

Presenter: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

RESOURCE GUIDE: Demystifying Insurance

QUICK GUIDE: Types of Insurance Coverage

