Weston Fire Department

What to do

After the

Is Out!

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After The Fire
Recovering from a fire can be physically and mentally draining process.
When fire strikes, lives are suddenly turned around. Often, the hardest part is not knowing where to begin and who to contact.

The First 24 Hours
Contact our local disaster relief service, such as the American Red Cross or Salvation Army, to help with your immediate needs, such as:

- Temporary Housing
- Food
- Medicine
- Eyeglasses
- Clothing
- Other Essential Items

Immediately, contact your insurance agency/company.

Protect your property and prevent further damage.

Recover any of your valuable documents.

If You Are Not Insured
If you are not insured, your recovery from a fire loss will be based upon your own resources and help from the community.

Contact the Internal Revenue Service office for Publication 547. Losses due to a fire are deductible from your Federal Income Tax. Keep receipts and records of the money you spend in repairing or replacing damaged property and in covering your living expenses during the loss recovery period.

A list of organizations that could be of assistance to you is included in the pamphlet.

If You Are Insured
Your insurance will be the most important single component in recovering from a fire loss. Your duties after the fire is out are:

- Give immediate notice of loss to the insurance company or the insurer’s agent.
- Make an inventory of damaged personal property showing in detail the quantity, description, what you paid for the items when purchased, how long you have had the items, amount of damage they sustained, and how much to replace them.
- Submit within 30-60 days a formal statement of loss. The statement should cover such items as:
  - The time and cause of loss
  - The names and addresses of those who have interest in the property.
  - Building plans and specifications of the original structure and detailed estimate for repairs.
  - The damage inventory.
  - Receipts for additional living expense and loss of use claims.

If You Must Stay Elsewhere
There are a few things that you can do to protect your home from further damage such as:

- Cover holes in roof or walls
- Drain water lines if there is a chance of freezing.
- Secure any damaged exterior doors or windows. This may be done by boarding them up.
- Contact the Weston Police Department and let them know you are away from the residence.

Replacement of Valuable Documents & Records
- Driver’s License …… Mass DMV
- Bank Books ……… Your Bank
- Insurance Policies…… Your Agent
- Military Papers ……. Veterans Admin
- Passports……………. Local Passport Office
- Birth, death, marriage.. City Hall where certificates were issued
- Divorce papers…… Court where issued
- Social Security……. Social Security Office
- Medicare Cards……. Social Security Office
- Credit Cards……….. The issuing company ASAP
- Income Tax Records... IRS Service Center

Agencies for Assistance
- American Red Cross (866) 724-3577
- Salvation Army (339) 502-5900
- United Way (800) 448-0636

Government
- Fire Report……. (781) 786-6101
- IRS……………… (800) 829-1040
- Passport (Boston)… (877) 487-2778
- Social Security…. (800) 772-1213

Utilities
- National Grid (Gas)… (857) 389-2000
- Eversource (Electric)… (800) 592-2000
- Fuel Oil………. Your provider