

AFTER THE FIRE



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Experiencing a wildfire on your property can be devastating. Although wildfire damage can be immense, often the danger is not over after the flames are put out. Tree mortality, invasive plants, erosion and road instability are just some of the dangers landowners face after a wildfire. Keep these tips in mind:

RISK POTENTIAL

- Be aware of, and use extreme caution, around trees, power poles and other tall objects that may have lost stability during the fire.
- Document damage with photographs before beginning any clean-up efforts.
- Stay out of burned forests on windy days as burned trees can easily fall.
- Do not touch any powerlines or propane tanks. Call the utility company or supplier instead.

VISUAL AESTHETICS

Fires bring change to the environment. Not only from the flames, but also from the equipment used to put the fire out. As a landowner, you will see these changes firsthand. It is important to remember that the landscape will recover. However for the next 5 years, you are at an increased risk of post-fire impacts:

- Equipment disturbance
- Tree mortality
- Invasive plants
- Erosion



WHO CAN HELP

Those impacted by a recent wildfire should reach out to these various entities for assistance:

- **Contact your insurance carrier** to discuss the details of your homeowners policy.
- **Check with your well water** and utility company, and propane or fuel oil supplier for an inspection before resuming service.
- **Consult a local garden center** for native seeding and replanting options.
- **Contact a local forester** to discuss options for forest health restoration.



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