

RETURN HOME SAFELY AFTER A WILDFIRE

ONCE YOU ARE GIVEN THE "ALL CLEAR" TO GO HOME

BE PREPARED FOR ANY HAZARDS BY BEING PROPERLY DRESSED

- Wear boots, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt, dust mask and rubber gloves

LOOK OUT FOR THESE POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Charred trees and power poles that may be unstable
- Live power lines that may be on the ground
- Spot fires and smoldering debris
- Ash pits (holes created by burned trees filled with hot ash)

BEFORE ENTERING YOUR HOME

- Check for the smell of gas
- If you smell gas, leave the house and turn the supply off at the tank or outside valve
- Open the doors and windows, and contact your utility provider
- Contact your utility provider to turn on pilot light for you

CHECK FOR ELECTRICAL POWER

- Turn off all appliances
- If there is power, temporarily turn it off until you've completed your inspection
- If there is no power, see if the main breaker is on

INSPECT YOUR ROOF AND ATTIC

- Check roofs and floors to be sure they are structurally safe before entering
- Check for and extinguish any embers or smoldering debris on your roof, or anywhere on your property

ONCE INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Beware of hot spots, dust, ash, broken glass, and other sharp objects
- Wear a mask while sifting through debris to avoid breathing in smoke and ash
- Take pictures and/or video, and start a list of damaged belongings
- Throw away all food and beverages including nonperishable items

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