

The emergency doesn't end when the smoke clears.....

The 2012 Central Washington wildfires have altered the landscape in certain areas, presenting an increased risk of flooding and mudflows. Loss of ground cover, combined with steep slopes and intense rainfall, increase the risk of flooding within the burned areas. Lands downstream of the wildfires are also subject to increased flooding.

Until the burned areas begin to recover, little can stop the waters and mud from coming down the canyons. While multi-agency efforts are being taken to reduce the risks to life and property downstream of the fires, residents in the area should develop individual plans to protect themselves and their property.

Now is the time to prepare for post-fire flooding!

The Following Websites Provide Pertinent Information:

www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program
www.chelandem.org/preparedness.htm
www.co.kittitas.wa.us/publicworks/flood/
<http://okanogandem.org/>
www.yakimacounty.us/surfacewater/floodpreparedness.htm
www.inciweb.org/incident/article/3292/18142/
www.ready.gov
www.weather.gov/spokane
www.weather.gov/pendleton

This publication was prepared by these partners:



City of Wenatchee

For Additional Information:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/watershed/burnareas/>
<http://www.fws.gov/fire/ifcc/esr/home.htm>
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/>
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Your Guide to Flood Preparation

Preparing for Flood Waters after the Central WA Wildfires 2012





Know What to Expect in your area:

- ✓ Know your community flood risk.
- ✓ Monitor the weather forecast to be alert to possibility of flooding from rain upstream.
- ✓ Stay aware through local radio and other media for public safety bulletins, and flood watches and warnings from the National Weather Service.
- ✓ Monitor a NOAA Weather Radio for real time weather conditions.
- ✓ Know if your community has a flood warning system and how the alert is given.
- ✓ If available in your area, register your house and cell phone for a reverse 9-1-1 call.



Reduce Potential Flood Damage:

- ✓ Raise your furnace, water heater and electric panel if they are in areas of your home that may be flooded.
- ✓ Clean your property's culverts and storm drains of dirt and flood debris.
- ✓ Dispose of refuse only in designated sites.



Prepare a Family Disaster Plan:

- ✓ Keep insurance policies, documents and other valuables in a safe place.
- ✓ Purchase insurance that covers flooding. Update your coverage if needed.
- ✓ Take photos of your belongings in case you need to file insurance claims.
- ✓ Create a plan, if you need to evacuate, and make sure each member of your family understands the plan.



Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit Containing:

- ✓ 72-hour kit with the "5 P's" – papers, pills (medicine), phone, pets, purse (money), and photos.
- ✓ First aid kit and special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- ✓ Battery-powered radio and flashlight, with extra batteries.



Be prepared for a flash flood:

- ✓ Evacuations may be necessary. You may only have seconds to escape. Act quickly.
- ✓ Move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks and storm drains.
- ✓ Do not drive or walk through flooded waters.
- ✓ Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- ✓ Watch out for lost pets and displaced wild animals.



After a Flood Event:

- ✓ Do not return to your property until it has been declared safe for re-entry.
- ✓ Wash with soap and clean water, if you come in contact with floodwaters.
- ✓ Notify the authorities of road damage, plugged culverts, or other public drainage infrastructure problems.