

What you need to Know.

Fires bring changes to the environment. As a resident or business owner, you will see many of these changes firsthand. It is important to recognize that the landscape will recover. However, for the next 5 years, you are at an increased risk of post-fire impacts such as flooding, erosion, debris flows and downed trees.

After the fire, vegetation that typically slows and uses rainwater is gone. In areas that experienced particularly severe fire, the soil may be unable to absorb water. As a result, areas adjacent to, downstream from, or in the fire area are particularly susceptible to flooding and debris flows.

Taking the time to prepare now helps safe guard your property, your home, and your family.

Don't wait!



Resources

Central Washington Fire Recovery
www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info

After the Burn: Assessing and Managing your Forestland after a Wildfire by Yvonne C. Barkley
www.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/community_pgs/wildfire_after_the_burn_2011.pdf

**National Weather Service
and NOAA Weather Radio**
www.weather.gov

Flood After Fire
National Flood Insurance Program facts,
tips and information.
www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/flood_after_fire.jsp

Emergency Watershed Protection Program
Natural Resources Conservation Service
assistance program.
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/landscape/ewpp?cid=nrcs143_008258

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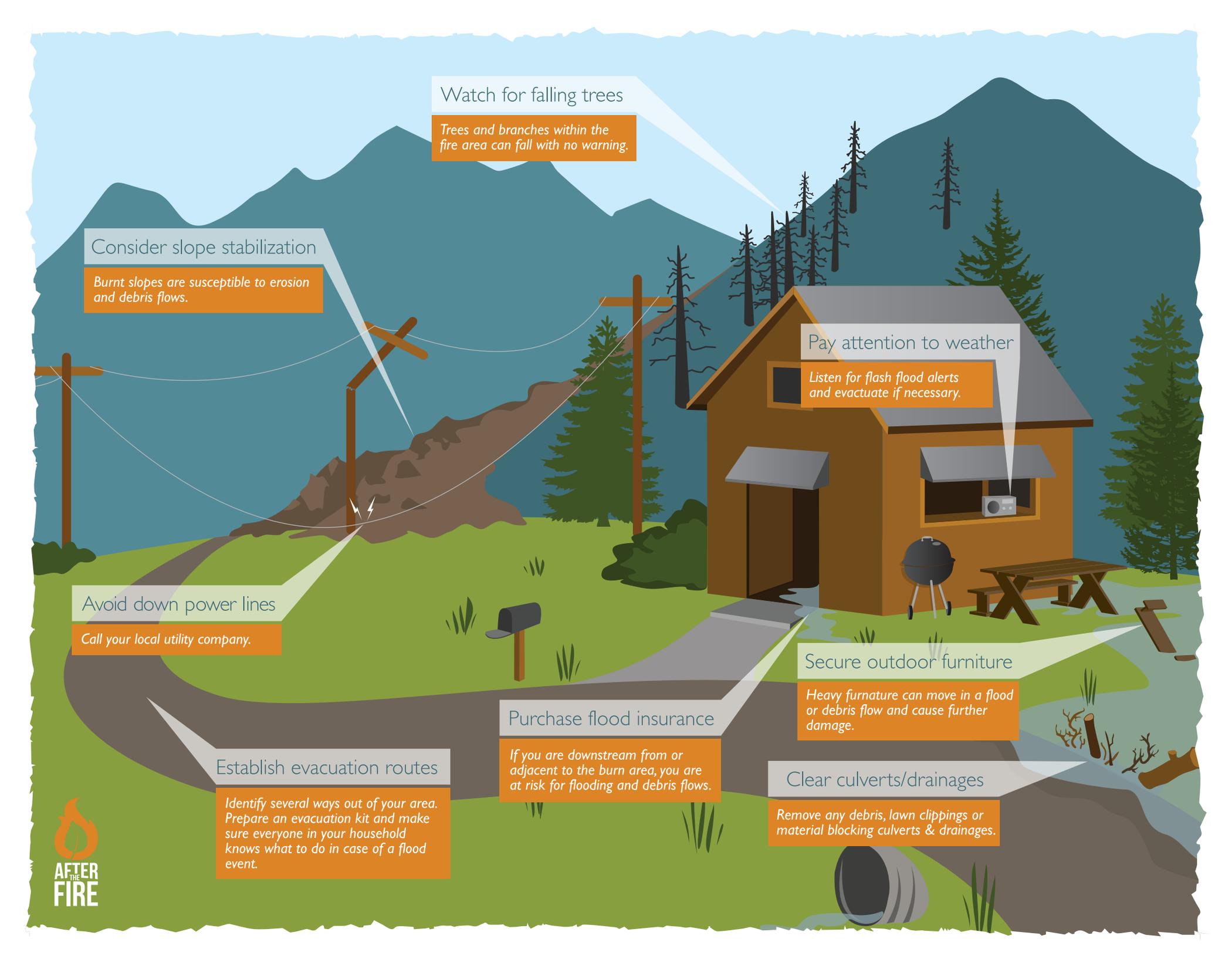


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AFTER THE FIRE

Information for
landowners
and residents



Watch for falling trees

Trees and branches within the fire area can fall with no warning.

Consider slope stabilization

Burnt slopes are susceptible to erosion and debris flows.

Pay attention to weather

Listen for flash flood alerts and evacuate if necessary.

Avoid down power lines

Call your local utility company.

Secure outdoor furniture

Heavy furniture can move in a flood or debris flow and cause further damage.

Purchase flood insurance

If you are downstream from or adjacent to the burn area, you are at risk for flooding and debris flows.

Clear culverts/drainages

Remove any debris, lawn clippings or material blocking culverts & drainages.

Establish evacuation routes

Identify several ways out of your area. Prepare an evacuation kit and make sure everyone in your household knows what to do in case of a flood event.