



# BUTTE LIGHTNING COMPLEX

## Returning to a Wildfire Zone Safety Tips for Home Owners



Planning and preparation will help you survive the disaster, but your home may be a very different place afterward, whether you have taken shelter at home or elsewhere. CAL FIRE advises home owners that there could many hazards surrounding and within your property. Such hazards could be various hot spots, damaged trees and or burned out stump holes of which could be extremely dangerous. The following is a quick checklist to be aware of:

- Be aware of and do not touch any downed power lines whether they have been cut or damaged.
- Check the exterior, roof and gutters of your home when returning for any debris that might be smoldering and or smoking.
- Check the attic and throughout the house for any hidden sparks and embers.
- Be watchful for any structural damage caused by the fire. Roofs and or floors may be damaged and subject collapse.
- Also check any of your outbuildings for the same.
- Prior to turning on your swamp coolers for the first time check the pads to make sure there are no embers that could ignite.
- If burning outside your home was extensive, watch for soil erosion.
- Consult with local experts on the best way to restore and replant your land with fire safe landscaping.
- Food, beverages and medicine that have been exposed to heat, smoke, soot and water should be discarded and not consumed.
- In some areas of the community, power was lost and due to the length of time refrigerated foods have spoiled. These items should be discarded immediately and appropriately. If necessary, to remove the odor from your refrigerator it is best to wash the inside of your refrigerator with a solution of water and baking soda. After that is done it is wise to leave an open container of baking soda in your refrigerator to absorb the residual odors.
- If your home was affected by the power outage do check all of your electrical appliances and surge protectors along with your electrical box. If there is an issue call PG&E.
- If your propane has been turned off and you are not sure on how to light your pilot lights on your various gas appliances contact your propane dealer.
- Continue to check your property inside and outside for problems for several days.
- Do not hesitate to call 911 if any danger is perceived.