

Fire Emergency – To-Do List

Immediate

1. Find emergency shelter for tonight – contact local shelters.
2. Contact insurance to report the fire and start the claim process.
3. Charge your phone fully and keep it accessible.
4. Arrange a pet sitter if needed.

This Week

5. Visit the site to assess damage with the fire department.
6. Catalog lost items and photograph damage for insurance.
7. Retrieve or replace critical documents.
8. Check on any perishables left behind, if possible.
9. File the police report if not done yet.
10. Meet with insurance adjuster.

Follow-up

11. Attend any medical checkups if exposed to smoke.
12. Start planning for temporary housing.
13. Consider a mental health check-in with a counselor.
14. Reflect on lessons learned to improve future preparedness.
15. Contact a cleanup/restoration company if needed.
16. Explore community resources for additional support.