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Burke's Offers Post-Fire/Smoke Recovery Tips.

Burke's Restoration is offering practical safety tips to protect residents and business owners during the Idaho and Washington wildfires. Burke's has experienced oversized disasters during their years of serving the community. We are offering a series of tips to protect business owners, homeowners, and renters from any potential damage from smoke, fire, water, or smoke and soot in the air.

Burke's Restoration has experienced just about every situation related to fire and smoke damage that you can imagine – and then some. We want to share ways to avoid injury during the clean-up process as just another way to serve our friends and neighbors.

The following are critical details to do when you are dealing with the aftermath of a fire.

ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR SAFE FIRE CLEAN UP:

Site safety is critical. Before you enter a building with fire damage, consult the fire department, local building officials, your insurance agent, and restoration specialist before you begin any cleaning or repairs.

Protect yourself. Wearing an N-95 ANSI-approved dust mask, work gloves, long-sleeved shirts and long pants to avoid skin contact, and goggles. Chemical burns or skin irritation can be caused by contact with wet ash. Change your shoes and clothing prior to leaving the site, to avoid tracking ash into your car, home, etc. If you do get any ash on your person, immediately wash to avoid irritation.

Know what to clean. Fire can cause serious damage and many of the items in your home or business could have been badly damaged by fire, smoke, and water used to put out the flames. In some cases it could be a total loss. If the damage is moderate to heavy, consider hiring a certified smoke and fire damage restoration company.

DIY CLEANING TIPS:

- Clean the interior by only using a dry HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) vacuum. Shop vacs **do not** filter out small particles and can put them back in the air.
- Wash all surfaces and items with soap and water, rinse, and sanitize. Be sure to securely seal any bags or containers to prevent ash from being redistributed into the air.
- Draperies, clothing, and machine-washable items may be cleaned or laundered.
- Do not eat or drink anything that has been near the flames, smoke, ash, or water.
- Clean the exterior of the building, sidewalks, driveways, and decks with a power washer and/or the stiffest brush you can find using a safe cleaning solution, freshwater scrubbing followed by rinsing. The walls need to be completely dry before repairs and restoration can begin.

BEWARE OF **SCAM ARTIST** TARGETING DISASTER VICTIMS:

Just as these predators swooped into Montana following the massive flooding, they will return with “fire restoration” services. You can identify them because they will require funding up-front, and when you ask for their insurance papers, they won’t have any.

It’s critical that a certified company have proper licensing and liability insurance to adhere to a code of ethics and employ trained technicians. The IICRC is the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification, a non-profit organization for the Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Industries.

When approached by any company for fire, smoke, or water restoration services, call the **IICRC hotline** to confirm the certification of the company, **844-464-4272**. Go to **www.iicrc.org** for a list of certified water restorers.

Burke’s Restoration cautions, “Red lights should start flashing inside your head whenever someone wants you to make an immediate commitment and give them money up-front.”

Burke’s Restoration is proud to be a Partner Company of FLEET Response, an industry-leading, nationwide player in restoration services. FLEET Response provides a new way of thinking about restoration. We’re a people business, composed of partner companies across the country that live by the Golden Rule: do unto others as you’d have done to you. FLEET Response provides immediate response and empathy to give our customers hope in a difficult time and are the helping hands and trusted guidance to work them from disruption to restoration. Whether you need water, fire, or smoke damage restoration, mold remediation, or reconstruction services, we have the responsive capacity to get it done, regardless of the extent of the damage.

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