

Important Information re: Returning to Your Residence

There remain many obstacles and dangers within the burned area. Do not wander around neighborhoods, and help us to maintain open road access for emergency personnel and firefighters still working in the area.

1. **YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO GO IN, BE READY TO LOAD POSSESSIONS AND THEN VOLUNTARILY RE-EVACUATE. THE FIRE BEHAVIOR IS STILL UNPREDICTABLE AND MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME.** Additionally, phone service may not be available, which would preclude the ability to receive a reverse 9-1-1 call and notification of the need to re-evacuate immediately.
2. **Power poles, power lines and trees** represent a falling hazard. Poles and trees that have been burned and are still standing are not necessarily safe and are still potentially hazardous due to being weakened and may break or fall without warning. Xcel Energy has established a hotline to help keep residents informed of the status of power in their area. Customers may call this number to hear a recorded message with current information on the restoration progress. **800-545-0677**
3. **Food exposed to fire** can be compromised. Food in cans or jars may appear to be fine, but if they have been close to the heat of a fire, they may not be edible. Heat from a fire can activate food spoilage bacteria. Chemicals used to fight fires contain toxic materials that can contaminate food and cookware. These chemicals cannot be washed off of the food
4. **Do not feed wild animals.** Three dumpster locations have been provided for residents to dispose of spoiled food. The dumpster sites are for food waste only. The dumpsters will be removed at the end of each day and emptied.

Where:

Buckingham Park, Old Stage Road & Lefthand Canyon Drive
Boulder Canyon Drive & Sugarloaf Road
Western Disposal Transfer Station, 5880 Butte Mill Road, Boulder

5. **Air conditions** may change rapidly and represent a health hazard due to the smoke, ash and other contaminants.
6. **Do not wander around neighborhoods, hillsides or mountainsides.** Hazards may not be readily identifiable, such as old mines that were sealed that may have had their wooden coverings compromised by fire or mitigation efforts.
7. **Be aware of propane tanks venting** in the area. Many could have a small pilot light of fire emitting from it like a blowtorch. This is normal and proper operation. Any propane tank that is audibly venting but does not have an associated flame needs to be reported via 9-1-1 immediately, as this represents a significant explosion hazard and risk.
8. **Be cautious of un-cleared debris** in the roadways. This may include downed power lines, rocks, trees and other hazards that have not yet been cleared by crews.
9. **Do not remove debris or repair your residence** prior to insurance assessors completing an official review of your property damage.
10. **Be on the alert for scam artists.** Scam artists may attempt to gain personal information or to provide help obtaining state or federal aid for a fee. Do not reveal personal information if you are unsure of the person or the organization. Never pay a fee for obtaining help. If you suspect someone of committing fraudulent activities, you should contact the Boulder District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division office through their website: www.bouldercounty.org/da
11. **Use a licensed contractor.** For information about avoiding problems in the rebuilding or repair process, consumers can go online to the D.A.'s website at: www.bouldercounty.org/da to read "Before You Build" which offers a guide to researching potential builders – including considerations such as making sure they are licensed with Boulder County, how to avoid liens, and how to find out if a contractor is registered with State.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND REFERENCES:

General community fire information center: (303) 413-7730 (subject to discontinuance based on use)

Animal Control (domestic and large animals): (720) 564-2942

Sheriff's Communications: (303) 441-4444 (**non-emergency assistance only**)

Colorado Division of Wildlife: (303) 291-7227

Boulder County Emergency Management updates: www.boulderOEM.com

Boulder County Sheriff: www.bouldersheriff.org

Fourmile Canyon Fire: www.inciweb.org/incident/2119

Important health and safety information (air, water, food-related): www.BoulderCountyHealth.org

Fourmile Canyon Fire Victim Assistance Center

3482 N. Broadway in Boulder

303-441-3560