

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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CALDOR FIRE RETURNING HOME AFTER WILDFIRE

As the areas affected by the Caldor Fire continue to repopulate, we'd like to remind residents that are returning to home from wildfire to do so safely. CAL FIRE has created the [Returning Home Checklist](#) on our website to help residents return home safely.

Repopulation consists of complex coordination between, fire, law enforcement, public works, and utilities to ensure the safety of residents and fire responders alike. We thank you for your patience and we work to get you back home.

The public is reminded to stay vigilant on current fire conditions. Please continue to adhere to road closures and any evacuation orders and warnings. A reminder to drive slowly & yield to emergency personnel in the area. There will be smoke in the respective areas as firefighters continue firefighting operations. If at any time you feel unsafe, call 911. For tips on returning home after wildfire visit: [Ready for Wildfire](#) and view [Returning Home Video](#)

For more specific information and resources from your local utility company visit the links below:

PG&E	https://tinyurl.com/PGEcaldor
Sacramento Municipal Utility District	https://tinyurl.com/SMUDcaldor
El Dorado Irrigation District	https://tinyurl.com/EIDcaldor
Grizzly Flats Water District:	https://tinyurl.com/Grizzlycaldor
Liberty Utilities:	https://tinyurl.com/Libertycaldor
ATT:	https://tinyurl.com/ATTCaldor
Comcast:	https://tinyurl.com/Comcastcaldor



For additional information regarding the Caldor Fire, scan the QR code above or visit <https://linktr.ee/imt6>

WHEN YOU HAVE SECURED SAFETY OUTSIDE YOUR HOME, CHECK INSIDE FOR FIRE OR FIRE DAMAGE

- Embers in the attic, which may have entered through vents.
- If electricity is off, before turning it on, make sure all appliances are turned off. Once you are sure all appliances are turned off, there is no fire damage to your building and the meter does not have any visible damage you may turn on the main circuit breaker.
- Check if the phone is working.
- Check if security system and alarms are working.
- Use flashlights to help inspect your home and surrounding area.

AFTER CHECKING YOUR PROPERTY CONTINUE TO USE CAUTION AND NOTE OUTDOOR CONDITIONS:

- Trees & poles with deep charring, particularly if still smoking should be considered hazardous.
- Smoldering holes in the ground can be full of hot coals.
- White ash is evidence of hot material

IF YOU FIND ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS:

FIRE & OTHER EMERGENCIES

- Stay away and report condition to a local fire or law enforcement official in the area and call 9-1-1

DAMAGED UTILITY EQUIPMENT

- Report electrical problems and damaged equipment to your local utility.

GAS LEAKS

- Report gas problems and damaged equipment to your local utility.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS VISIT:



ReadyForWildfire.org

RETURNING HOME AFTER A WILDFIRE



Once a wildfire has burned through an area, many dangers may remain.

Follow these precautions when returning home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



WHEN DRIVING TO YOUR PROPERTY CHECK FOR:

- Trees, brush, and rocks which may be weakened or loosened by fire.

Trees and brush weakened by fire may lose limbs or fall.

Rocks loosened by fire may roll and crumble. If rocks have rolled down a slope expect more to follow.
- Debris or damage from fire on roads and driveways.
- Debris on the road near your home and in your driveway.

Clearing the debris to the edge of your driveway and removing it later will help keep your home safe from fire.
- Utility poles weakened by fire.



AT YOUR PROPERTY, CHECK FOR FIRE OR FIRE DAMAGE

- Hot embers in rain gutters, on the roof and under overhangs.
- Hot embers under decks and in crawl spaces.
- Hot embers in wood piles, debris piles and lawns.
- If well or pump-house is in working order.
- If your electrical service has not been interrupted you may continue to use your power for such things as pumping water, etc.

IF YOUR SERVICES ARE OFF, CHECK FOR BURNED SERVICE EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES:

- Is there damage to the gas meter, gas lines, or propane tank? If there is **ANY** visible damage **DO NOT** attempt to repair or turn on these services. Call your local propane company or utility.
- Look at the electric meter. If there is any visible damage **DO NOT ATTEMPT** to turn the breaker on.
- If there are electrical wires on the ground **STAY CLEAR** and contact your local utility immediately.

