



## Post Fire Checklist and Financial Assistance

If your property has been affected by wildfire, utilize the checklist and funding opportunity below to chart a course forward. For more information, visit the OSU Extension website:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program>

### On the way back home:

- Check with law enforcement for an end of evacuation notice and the all clear to return.
- Watch for downed power lines and trees that could fall on the road or on your driveway.

### Once back on your property:

- Wear proper personal protective equipment: thick boots, heavy gloves, mask, and eye protection.
- Check around the house for hot embers and wisps of smoke in gutters, under decks, wood piles and roofs. Call 911 if any heat is detected.
- Check for structural damage to your house (foundation cracks, support beam damage).
- Check for gas (smell of gas) or water leaks.
- Check the main power meter. If turned off or no power, call your utility provider.
- Check that your pump house/well is working properly—make sure water is safe to drink.
- Any damage to gas, power or phone lines—stay clear and call the utility service provider.

### Going in your house:

- Before turning lights on, use a flashlight to look for embers. Check for heat throughout the house especially in the attic.
- Check for structural damage inside the house.
- Check the main circuit box. If off, make sure all appliances are off before turning the circuit box on.
- Discard all food that has been exposed to heat, smoke, fumes, or flood waters.

### Financial Assistance:

NRCS often has funding available to help landowners recover from wildfire impacts. Eligible lands include: forest, crop, pasture and associated agricultural land. Available conservation practices include:

- Native grass seeding
- Cover crop for cropland and pasture
- Woody residue treatment: contour falling, slash removal, piling, chipping, etc
- Mulching: straw, wattles, hydro mulch for erosion control

After a wildfire, check the NRCS Fire Assistance website at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5xyhjga> to see if you are eligible.

## Funding Opportunities Aimed to Reduce Fire Risk and Hazard

These funding opportunities help implement fuel hazard reduction and restoration work to create defensible space around your property so you can better prepare for wildfire.

### ■ [Forest Service, Forest Stewardship Program](#)

- The goal of the Forest Stewardship Program is to assist landowners in developing individualized forest management plans
- Minimum plan size is 10 acres
- Up to 75 percent cost-share reimbursement
- The first step is to call your USFS State Coordinator:  
California: 530-233-8743  
Oregon: 503-808-2353

### ■ [National Resource Conservation Service \(NRCS\), Environmental Quality Incentive Program](#)

- Provides funding for a target-based approach to fire management
- Mostly funds mechanical treatment over prescribed burns
- While the work may take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, the application process can take 6+ months, its best to start as early as possible.
- Step-by-step explanation of the application process can be found here:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted>

- The first step is to contact your local NRCS service center

**Jackson County: 541-423-6173**

**Del Norte County: 707-487-7630**

**Josephine County: 541-673-6071**

**Siskiyou County: 530-572-3119**

**Curry County: 541-396-2841**

### ■ [Lomakatsi Restoration Project](#)

- Lomakatsi helps private landowners enhance wildlife habitat on their property and remove hazardous fuels through ecological thinning and prescribed burning.
- Funding for this work is leveraged through local, state and federal agencies, and private funding sources.
- Lomakatsi's capacity to work with private landowners is initiative-based and dependent on the location of their lands in relation to existing project areas.
- Interested landowners should contact Lomakatsi at [info@lomakatsi.org](mailto:info@lomakatsi.org) or 541-488-0208 and include the following information:  
Property address (or general location); acreage; desired treatment; any past or current work in partnership with agencies; and contact information.



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Removing smaller weaker trees from your property mimics natural forest processes and can improve fire resiliency by leaving healthy mature trees standing. Horses can be used as an alternative to heavy logging equipment.