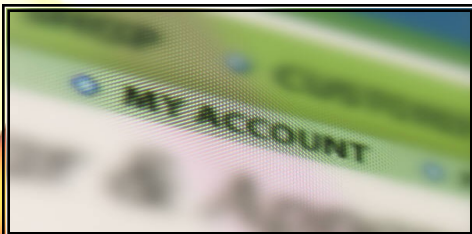


Replacing Valuable Documents & Records

You will want to replace many of the following documents destroyed or lost in the fire:

- Driver's license, auto registration
- Bankbooks (checking, savings)
- Insurance policies
- Military discharge papers
- Passports
- Birth, death, marriage certificates
- Divorce papers
- Social security or Medicare cards
- Credit cards
- Titles / deeds
- Stocks and bonds
- Wills
- Medical records
- Warranties
- Income tax records
- Citizenship papers
- Prepaid burial contract
- Animal registration papers
- Mortgage papers
- Lease agreements
- Paper currency



Vital Information

Date/Time of Fire: _____

Time of Fire: _____

Location of Fire: _____

Name of the responding Fire department:

Address of the responding Fire Department:

Non-emergency telephone number of the responding Fire Department : _____

Fire incident report number of the responding Fire Department: _____

A run report can immediately be requested from the fire department's administration office.

Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations

Detective's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Case Number: _____

To check the status of your report or obtain a copy of the report, visit the website below ..

Division of Investigative and Forensic Services
Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Telephone: 850-413-3173

www.myfloridcfo.com/Division/DIFS/BFAI/default.htm

Division of Investigative and Forensics Services

After the Fire:



Returning to Normal

A fire in a home, whether you live in an apartment, a single family, or multifamily home, can cause serious damage. The building and many of the things in your home may have been badly damaged by flames, heat, smoke, and water.

You will find that things the fire did not burn up are now ruined by smoke and soggy with water used to put out the flames. Anything you want to save or re-use will need to be carefully cleaned.

The firefighters may have cut holes in the walls of the building to ensure the fire is completely out, and to look for any hidden flames. They may even have cut holes in the roof to let out the heat and smoke. This allows them to fight the fire more quickly.

If your home had a home fire sprinkler system, you will find little damage from flames, heat, smoke, and water. If not, and you plan to rebuild your home, now is the time to think about installing sprinklers into your home. You can find more information at the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition's website: www.homefiresprinkler.org.

Checklist For Your Next Steps After a Fire

- The Red Cross will be contacted for you by the responding fire department. If you like. They will help you locate a place to stay for a while and find food, medicines, and other important items.
 - If you have insurance, contact your insurance company. Ask what you should do to keep your home safe. Find out how they want you to make a list of things lost or damaged in the fire. Ask who you should contact about cleaning up the mess.
 - Be very careful when you enter your home. Fires can start again even if they appear to be out. Floors and walls may not be as safe as they look.
 - The fire department will tell you if your utilities are safe to use. If not, they will shut these off before they leave. DO NOT try to turn them back on by yourself. Contact the building department in your city or county where you reside for advice.
 - Contact your landlord or mortgage company about the fire. Notify your credit card companies to report credit cards lost in the fire and request replacements.
- Locate valuable documents and records. A replacement list is located on the back of this brochure.
 - Do not eat, drink or breathe in anything that has been near the fire's flames, smoke, soot, or water used to put out the fire.
 - If you leave your home, call the local law enforcement agency to let them know the site will be vacant. In some cases, you may need to board up openings so no one can get in when you are not there.
 - Board up companies provide services that include securing, estimating, repairing, storing, and hiring cleaning or repair subcontractors.
 - Begin saving receipts for any money you spend related to fire loss. The receipts may be needed later by the insurance company and to prove any losses claimed on your income tax.
 - Check with an accountant or the Internal Revenue Service about special benefits for people recovering from fire