

INITIAL CLEANING TIPS

- Wash all interior walls, inside cabinets, drawers and closets, hard surfaces, undersides of furniture, tables and chairs with a steam cleaner and/or white vinegar.
- Clean fire retardant residue (red stains) on your property with water or biodegradable household cleaner. NEVER use bleach – it can cause a harmful chemical reaction.
- Clean windows and glass with clean water and a rubber blade tool.
- Use black garbage bags to dispose of food and commonly disposed material accepted by landfills and transfer stations.
- Launder and/ or dry clean all clothing and linens.
- Clean movable items with a steam cleaner or microfibre cloth (for example: picture frames and home décor)
- Wash all children's toys, play structures and recreational equipment with clean water to remove any residual fire contaminants. Wash down sandboxes with clean water and replace sand.
- Steam clean carpets, window coverings, upholstered furniture, and mattresses and followed by deodorizing spray products.
- Book professional cleaners for heating, ventilating and air conditioning units and all ductwork. Replace filters monthly for the next 12 months.
- Pressure wash or scrub all exterior walls, walks, drives, decks, windows and screens.
- Vinyl siding stained by fire retardant may qualify for replacement by insurance companies – check your policy for coverage.
- Keep all receipts for cleaning-related expenses – they may be reimbursed by your insurance provider.