

# AFTER WILDFIRE:



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## A guide for Arizona communities

Experiencing a destructive wildfire can be devastating to individuals, families, and communities. This *After Wildfire: A guide for Arizona communities* guide was created to support people and communities in Arizona as they recover after a wildfire. This fact sheet can serve as a quick reference by helping to orient users so they can effectively use of the guide both before fire season and throughout the challenging recovery process.

### Who should use *After Wildfire*?

People who experienced a destructive wildfire and groups, agencies, and individuals providing support for the post-fire recovery process in Arizona.

### What is in the guide?

- **Immediate Safety:** Tips on what to do before returning home and additional safety resources.
- **Assistance for Individuals and Families:** Lists resources for emergency shelter, food, and other necessities, mental & emotional support, helping children cope with disaster, pets and livestock, financial tips, legal assistance, and more.
- **Assistance for Communities:** Designed for community leaders, this includes information on how to begin mobilizing your community, tips for working with volunteers and other groups/agencies, and community financial support.
- **Post-Fire Flooding:** Things to think about if your property is damaged in a flood, tips for making insurance claims, and more.
- **Forest, Grassland, and Desert Recovery:** Key steps for ecological recovery in different ecosystem types found in Arizona.

After Wildfire Guide for Arizona is available on the Southwest Fire Science Consortium (SWFSC) website and can be located with this QR Code. If you would like to request paper copies of this document, please email [swfireconsortium@gmail.com](mailto:swfireconsortium@gmail.com). The SWFSC is a Joint Fire Science Knowledge Exchange Network.



### HOW THE GUIDE SUPPORTS AZ

“The *Arizona After Wildfire Guide* fills a critical gap in post-wildfire recovery by providing communities with a centralized, easy-to-navigate resource that brings clarity during a time of chaos. We recommend the guide to local governments, emergency managers and other officials as they navigate recovery, funding and long-term resilience efforts after a wildfire. It’s a valuable tool that empowers Arizonans to take informed action during some of their most difficult days.” - *Gabe Lavine*, Director, Division of Emergency Management, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

“The Prescott Fire Department is proud to utilize the *Arizona After Wildfire Guide* as a vital tool in helping our community recover from wildfires and other disasters. One of the greatest strengths of the guide is its emphasis on preparing residents before disaster strikes, rather than waiting until a wildfire or emergency is already underway. In the post-fire phase, this guide will be crucial—offering clear, actionable information at a time when individuals and families need it most. Its immense value lies in how it brings together multiple complex topics—insurance, erosion control, emotional recovery, financial aid, and more—into one easy-to-use, accessible resource. We are grateful for this tool as we work to support a more resilient and fire-adapted community.” - *Holger Durre*, Fire Chief, Prescott Fire Department

