

Wildfire Evacuation Re-Entry Checklist



Wait for official authorization before re-entering affected areas.

Returning home can be both physically and mentally challenging. Consider following this guide to help you make a safe re-entry.

- Stay calm and watch for road hazards. This can include debris, fallen or falling trees, or downed power lines.
- Check your home before entering. Scan the outside looking for damages and hazards such as holes in the floor, broken glass, and debris.
 - Turn off your breaker before entering to reduce possible electrical hazards.
- Electricity may be out due to downed power lines or surges. Consider bringing flashlights, not candles, to prevent further fire hazards.
- Do not enter structures where you smell gas or unusual odours. Exit and call 911 immediately.
- Areas impacted by water damage from firefighting efforts could have dangerous moulds. Dry out and inspect.
- Eat and drink only food and water that you know are safe. Follow cleaning, water safety, food safety, and other guidelines/advisories.
 - Consider bringing food, water, and supplies in case your home supplies are contaminated.
- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. If you must use fuel burning appliances use them outside.
- Clean your home as recommended. Do not mix bleach and ammonia. The fumes are toxic.
- There may still be smoke in the area from surrounding wildfires. Individuals are recommended to wear a mask.
- Lookout for wildlife in the area. Wild animals may be pushed into your community by the wildfire.
- Document all damages with photographs and keep records of all cleanup and repair costs (meals, hotels, travel, etc.).
 - Call your insurance company to start a claim and better understand what is covered.
- Continue to follow the instructions of your local authority.

For safety updates, news, or advice, check the Manitoba Government X account ([@MBGov](#)) and the Manitoba EMO website ([manitoba.ca/emo](#)).