

# What you need to Know.

Fires bring changes to the environment. As a resident or business owner, you will see many of these changes firsthand. It is important to recognize that the landscape will recover. However, for the next 5 years, you are at an increased risk of post-fire impacts such as flooding, erosion, debris flows and downed trees.

After the fire, vegetation that typically slows and uses rainwater is gone. In areas that experienced particularly severe fire, the soil may be unable to absorb water. As a result, areas adjacent to, downstream from, or in the fire area are particularly susceptible to flooding and debris flows.

Taking the time to prepare now helps safe guard your property, your home, and your family.

**Don't wait!**



## Resources

**Central Washington Fire Recovery**  
[www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info](http://www.centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info)

**After the Burn:** Assessing and Managing your Forestland after a Wildfire by Yvonne C. Barkley  
[www.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/community\\_pgs/wildfire\\_after\\_the\\_burn\\_2011.pdf](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/community_pgs/wildfire_after_the_burn_2011.pdf)

**National Weather Service  
and NOAA Weather Radio**  
[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

**Flood After Fire**  
National Flood Insurance Program facts,  
tips and information.  
[www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding\\_flood\\_risks/flood\\_after\\_fire.jsp](http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/flood_after_fire.jsp)

**Emergency Watershed Protection Program**  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
assistance program.  
[www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/?cid=nrcs143\\_008258](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/?cid=nrcs143_008258)

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