CHECKLIST
For Returning Home AFTER A FIRE

When driving to your property check for:

☐ Trees, brush, and rocks which may be weakened or
   loosened by fire.
   Trees and brush weakened by fire may lose limbs or fall.
   Rocks loosened by fire may roll and crumble. If rocks
   have rolled down a slope expect more to follow.
☐ Debris or damage from fire on roads and driveways.
☐ Debris on the road near your home and in your driveway.
   Clearing the debris to the edge of your driveway and
   removing it later will help keep your home safe from
   fire.
☐ Utility poles weakened by fire.

At your property, check for fire or fire damage:

☐ Hot embers in rain gutters, on the roof, and under
   overhangs.
☐ Hot embers under decks and in crawl spaces.
☐ Hot embers in wood piles, debris piles, and lawn.
☐ If well or pump-house is in working order.
☐ If your electrical service has not been interrupted you
   may continue to use your power for such things as
   pumping water, etc.

If your services are off, check for burned service equipment &
facilities:

☐ Is there damage to the gas meter, gas lines, or propane
   tank. If there is ANY visible damage DO NOT attempt to
   repair or turn on these services. Call your local propane
   company or utility.
☐ Look at the electric meter. If there is any visible damage
   DO NOT ATTEMPT to turn the breaker on.
☐ If there are any electrical wires on the ground STAY
   CLEAR and contact your local utility immediately.

When you have secured safety outside your home, check inside
for fire or fire damage:

☐ Embers in the attic, which may have entered through
   vents.
☐ If electricity is off, before turning it on, check all
   appliances to make sure they are off. Once you are sure
   all appliances are turned off, there is no fire damage to
   your building, and the meter does not have any visible
   damage you may turn on the main circuit breaker.
☐ Check if the phone is working.
☐ Check if security system and alarms are working.
☐ Use flashlights to help inspect your home and
   surrounding area.

If you find any of these conditions:

Fire

☐ Stay away and report condition to a local fire or law
   enforcement official in the area or call Fire information.

Damaged Utility Equipment

☐ Report electrical problems and damaged equipment to
   your local utility.

Gas Leaks

☐ Report gas service problems to your local supplier.

Other

☐ Report emergencies to 911.

After checking your property, continue to use caution and note
outdoor conditions:

☐ Trees and poles with deep charring, particularly if still
   smoking should be considered hazardous.
☐ Smoldering holes in the ground can be full of hot coals.
☐ White ash is evidence of hot material.