

## 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 ([@MBGovNews](#)) and the Manitoba EMO website ([manitoba.ca/emo](#)).