

Fire Disaster Response & Recovery

Ash Sifting Overview

Introduction:

Samaritan's Purse Canada is dedicated to providing disaster relief and recovery services to affected communities. Our trained teams assist residents in reclaiming personal possessions and valuables after fire-related disasters. Through a systematic approach, we ensure the safety and well-being of both residents and volunteers.

- The aftermath of a fire can be devastating, but impacted residents are not alone in the recovery process.
- Sifting for possessions or heirlooms is available to residents whose homes were destroyed by wildfires at no cost to the resident.
- A trained team will guide residents through the recovery process, ensuring the safe retrieval of possessions.
- For those interested in the sifting service, appointments can be scheduled through our dedicated contact point.

Safety Protocols:

Safety is paramount in our operations. We emphasize:

- Awareness of health issues such as respiratory problems and potential asbestos exposure.
- The mandatory use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Level C, including masks, gloves, eye protection, and appropriate footwear.
- That all PPE is appropriately utilized and fit-tested for maximum effectiveness.
- Caution around utilities like electricity, gas, and water.
- Vigilance against site hazards like unstable structures, dangerous trees, nails, and other debris.

Possession Recovery Process:

1. Residents express interest in possession recovery.
2. An appointment is scheduled based on team availability and resident preference.
3. A trained team, accompanied by the resident, visits the site.
4. The sifting process is carried out, with possessions sorted, sanitized, and given to the resident.
5. All operations are conducted with the utmost respect for the resident's privacy, dignity, and emotional well-being.

Sifting Procedure:

1. Conduct a thorough site assessment to identify safety hazards and scope of work.
2. Engage with the resident (or designate) to understand their needs and expectations.
3. Utilize specialized sifting equipment to recover possessions safely.
4. Adhere to environmental guidelines and local regulations during the process.
5. Ensure volunteers' and residents' physical and emotional well-being through regular check-ins.

At Samaritan's Purse Canada, our commitment extends beyond immediate disaster response. We strive to stand alongside affected communities, offering support, hope, and tangible assistance during their recovery journey. Our dedicated teams, equipped with expertise and compassion, work tirelessly to ensure that every individual we serve feels valued and understood. As we navigate the challenges of disaster relief, we are continually inspired by the resilience and strength of the communities we serve. Together, we believe in building a brighter, more hopeful future.



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