

Agencies for Assistance

American Red Cross 269-965-4450
Salvation Army 800-SAL-ARMY
United Way 269-962-9538

Government

Fire Report 269-966-3348
Driver's License 888-767-6424
Housing Code Compliance 269-966-3387
IRS 800-829-1040
Passport 800-275-8777
Social Security 800-772-1213
Vital Records 866-443-9897 (State) or
269-781-0718 (County)
Veterans Administration 800-827-1000
Battle Creek City Administration 269-966-3311

Utilities

City Water Office 269-966-3366
Semco Energy 269-962-1649
Consumers Energy 800-477-5050



THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE

**FIRE
IS OUT!**

**Fire Department
269-966-3519
battlecreekmi.gov**

After The Fire

Recovering from a fire can be a physically and mentally draining process. When fire strikes, lives are suddenly turned around. Often, the hardest part is not knowing where to begin and who to contact.

First 24 Hours

Contact our local disaster relief service, such as the American Red Cross or The Salvation Army, to help with your immediate needs. These needs may include:

- Temporary Housing
- Food
- Medicine
- Eyeglasses
- Clothing
- Other Essential Items

Immediately contact your insurance agency/company to report the fire. Protect your property to prevent further damage and attempt to recover any of your valuable documents.

Need to Stay Elsewhere

There are things that you can do to protect your home from further damage such as:

- Cover holes in roof or walls.
- Drain water lines if there is a chance of freezing.
- Secure any damaged exterior doors and windows. This may be done by boarding them up.
- Contact the Battle Creek Police Department. They will often patrol the area.

Insured

Your insurance will be the most important single component in recovering from a fire loss. Give immediate notice of the loss to the insurance company or the insurer's agent.

Not Insured

If you are not insured, your recovery from a fire loss will be based upon your own resources and help from the community.

Contact the Internal Revenue Service office for Publication 547. Losses due to the fire are deductible from your Federal Income Tax. Keep receipts and records of the money you spend during the loss recovery period, including repairing or replacing damaged property, and living expenses.

Replace Valuable Documents & Records

Driver's License	Secretary of State Office
Bank Books	Your Bank
Insurance Policies	Your Agent
Military Papers	Veterans Administration
Passports	Battle Creek Post Office
Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates	Calhoun County Clerks Office or www.michigan.gov
Divorce Papers	Circuit Court where decree was issued
Social Security & Medicare Cards	Social Security Office
Credit Cards	The issuing companies ASAP
Income Tax Records	Mail a Form 4506 to the IRS or contact your tax preparer