



Spokane Complex Fires Next Steps Resource Guide

Vital Documents

Vital documents are important after a wildfire because they're often need to prove identity and eligibility for assistance.

Resources:

- Spokane Regional Health District: www.SRHD.org/birth-death-certificates
 - Birth and death certificates
- Washington State Department of Licensing - www.DOL.wa.gov/wildfire-relief
 - Driver's licenses and ID cards
 - Titles to vehicles and vessels
 - Business and professional licenses
- Marriage Certificates
 - 1891-1973: Washington State Archives
 - 1973-present: Spokane County Clerk
 - 1968-present: Washington State Department of Health
- Divorce Certificates
 - 1900*-present: Spokane County Clerk
 - 1968-present: Washington State Department of Health

Fire Reports

Why do I need a fire report? Some insurers require documented proof of the fire. A fire report helps verify that the damage was caused by the wildfire and aids with claims. Additionally, fire reports may help with legal and financial needs, as well as replacing documents.

Resources:

- Please contact the administrative office for your specific fire department or complete a public records request online.
 - Spokane Fire Department: 509-625-6350 or clerks@spokanecity.org
 - Spokane County Fire District 4: 509-467-4500 or www.SCFD4.org
 - Spokane County Fire District 9: 509-466-4602 or www.SCFD9.org
 - Spokane County Fire District 10: 509-244-2425 or www.SCFD10.org

Insurance

Does my homeowner's insurance cover the full cost of rebuilding my home? Home or renter's insurance policies typically cover damage from wildfire the same as any other fire. You can contact your insurance agent or company to ask if you are covered before filing a claim. If the loss is not covered, you do not want a filed claim on your record.

Resources:

- The Office of the Insurance Commissioner offers [steps to take after home damage or a loss | Office of the Insurance Commissioner](#).
- Office of the Insurance Governor will host [monthly insurance claims workshops](#) the 2nd Monday of every month until December 2026. The workshop location is Spokane Falls Community College, Building 24, Auditorium Room 110, in sn-w'ey-mn, 3410 W Whistalks Way, Spokane, WA 99224.

Financial Assistance

Am I qualified for financial assistance? Several financial assistance programs are available to support fire survivors, each with its own eligibility requirements.

Resources:

- [State Individual Assistance](#): People whose homes were lost or severely damaged by the wildfires are encouraged to apply regardless of their income or whether they have insurance.
- [Disaster Cash Assistance through DSHS](#): An emergency cash assistance program available to people who are not eligible for other cash assistance programs.
- [Red Cross](#): To apply and receive assistance, individuals must come in person to one of the service centers.

Contact Information

Spokane County Building and Planning

- SpokaneCounty.gov/BP | Planning: 509-477-1500, Building: 509-477-3675 | bphelp@spokanecounty.org
- 1026 W Broadway Ave., Spokane | Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 – 4:00, Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

City of Spokane Development Services

- [Spokane City Permit Process](#) | 509-625-6300 | PermitTeam@spokanecity.org
- 3rd Floor City Hall, 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane | M/T/TH/F: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., W: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

- SpokaneCleanAir.org | 509-477-4727 | [Contact form](#)
- 1610 S. Technology Blvd., Suite 101, Spokane

Spokane Regional Health District

- SRHD.org | 509-324-1500 | [Contact form](#)
- W. College Ave., Spokane

United States Environmental Protection Agency

- [2026 Eastern Washington Wildfires Recovery | US EPA](#) | EPA HOTLINE: 888-509-0667 | region10@epa.gov

American Red Cross

- [Spokane County Washington Wildfires | Financial Assistance | Red Cross](#) | 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767)