

# Gray Fire Recovery

## Community Meeting FAQ's

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Will Medical Lake receive federal assistance?**

Spokane County Emergency Management states that federal assistance is highly unlikely as we don't currently meet the threshold of damage to public infrastructure. What about state assistance? Governor Inslee has declared a state of emergency and awarded Spokane County 1.25 million to help with transitional housing and unmet needs.

#### **What is the next step in the recovery process?**

A long-term recovery group will be established. The group will work with disaster case managers and individuals to allocate funds.

#### **How will monetary donations be distributed?**

Innovia will work with the long-term recovery group to allocate donated funds.

#### **Will there be any help with the asbestos testing fees?**

Spokane County Emergency Management is trying to streamline the process and/or help with the costs. It is imperative for citizens to complete their Disaster Intake Form found here: [Emergency Management | Spokane County, WA](#)

#### **How long does it take for asbestos testing?**

Local testing is getting backed up and can take 2-3 weeks. If shipped to another state for testing, it takes about a week.

#### **Where can I get the bags, etc. for packaging asbestos debris?**

You can get the supplies free of charge at the landfill located at 1820 S. Graham Rd.

#### **Does an asbestos survey expire?**

No. However, an older one might not include the entire structure.

#### **Will my insurance cover asbestos testing?**

Homeowner's insurance should cover asbestos testing. Call your insurance agent.

#### **Is there a plan for mass asbestos testing and debris cleanup?**

SCEM: Don't wait to get the testing done. Save your documentation, there might be a possibility for reimbursement.

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<p><b>Where can we dispose of metal and/or burnt vehicles, etc.?</b></p> <p>Contact local metal recyclers, American Recycling Corp. <a href="tel:5095354271">(509) 535-4271</a> and Pacific Recycling <a href="tel:5095351673">(509) 535-1673</a>.</p>
<p><b>Do I need a Forest Practices Permit to salvage logs (sell) on my property?</b></p> <p>If you own <b>more</b> than 2 acres, yes. Contact the DNR Northeast Regional Offices at (509) 684-7474 or <a href="mailto:fp_ne@dnr.wa.gov">fp_ne@dnr.wa.gov</a> for assistance.</p>
<p><b>Am I required to reforest/replant trees that I remove from my property?</b></p> <p>If you harvest trees to sell, you will need to replant either with seedlings or by natural regeneration with existing trees (provided there are green trees left on your property).</p>
<p><b>Where can I get Ponderosa Pine seedlings?</b></p> <p>You can e-mail Andrew Perleberg at WSU Extension office (<a href="mailto:andyp@wsu.edu">andyp@wsu.edu</a>)</p>
<p><b>How do I know if a tree should be removed?</b></p> <p>“Look up, look down, look around”. Is the tree completely black/brown with no green visible or any buds? Are the roots showing? Can you see the pitch oozing out? If so, the tree is likely dead. Washington State Extension and University of Idaho have lists of foresters that can help. Certified arborists can also help by providing an assessment and replacement costs. Google “After the Burn Idaho” for a document that can help you evaluate your trees.</p>
<p><b>What about the burned hardwood trees? Will they survive?</b></p> <p>They will likely sprout back. Hardwoods tend to thrive after a fire.</p>
<p><b>Can several landowners go in together for one permit?</b></p> <p>No, DNR will only issue one permit for each landowner who owns MORE than 2 acres. If you own less than 2 acres, a permit is NOT required.</p>
<p><b>Will Avista remove the trees they cut down on my property?</b></p> <p>Avista is currently working on a plan for the disposal of trees they have cut down. They will send out a letter to those customers. You MUST respond that you want them to remove the trees. Call 1-800-227-9187 for vegetation concerns.</p>
<p><b>What about grasses?</b></p> <p>Contact DNR Service Forester, Jamie Rohrbach, 509-818-4485. Has 20lbs of grass seed available per landowner.</p>
<p><b>I lost grazing land, feed, and fencing. Who can I call?</b></p> <p>Farm Service Agency 509-924-7350 or <a href="http://Farmers.gov">Farmers.gov</a></p>