



Disposal of Spoiled Food, Hazardous Materials & Burned Materials

SPOILED FOOD

In response to the fire, the power to your home was turned off. It is likely that your refrigerator lost power for more than four hours, which means the food inside the refrigerator is spoiled. Closed freezers usually keep food frozen for at least one day without power, up to three days. Discard food if it may have been held above 41°F for more than four hours.

Food stored in refrigerators or freezers can also become contaminated by fumes. A refrigerator seal is not airtight, and fumes can get inside. Discard food if exposed to smoke fumes from fire.

Food in cans or jars may appear to be okay, but if they have been close to the heat of a fire, they may no longer be safe. Any type of food stored in permeable packaging — cardboard, plastic wrap, etc. — should be thrown away. Toxic fumes can permeate the packaging and contaminate the food.

Discard any raw foods stored outside the refrigerator — such as potatoes or fruit — that could be contaminated by fumes.

Never taste food to determine its safety. When in doubt, throw it out.

FOOD DISPOSAL Coconino County has placed several bins within your neighborhoods specifically for spoiled food. You will find signage on each dumpster. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN FOOD IN THE BINS MARKED FOR FOOD. If a dumpster is full, then please find another food dumpster at the map included with these materials. Please do not leave food laying on the ground. See map for dumpster locations.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (INCLUDING REFRIGERATORS)

Many of the materials in your garages and homes that have burned are now considered hazardous material. Burned or non-operating refrigerators are considered hazardous materials. They should be taken directly to the landfill.

Residential and commercial structures are composed of materials that may release or break down into hazardous substances when burned. These materials include synthetics (such as plastics), petroleum products (such as asphalt shingles), treated wood, adhesives, and metals. Residences and businesses may also contain items that are composed of hazardous substances or that become hazardous when burned, such as electronics, appliances, batteries, vehicles, household chemicals, pesticides and herbicides.

After a fire, the remaining ash, debris, and underlying soil will be contaminated with the hazardous substances. The dangers may not be obvious, because contaminated ash, debris, and underlying soil may look the same as uncontaminated material. Please refer to other materials in this packet for additional information on how to safely clean up those areas. Information can also be found here:

www.coconino.az.gov/Re-Entry-Information

Dust generated from ash, debris, and underlying soil disturbed during cleanup operations may contain the hazardous substances. Airborne exposures will vary from day to day and from job to job. Potentially toxic dust must be controlled by thoroughly wetting the debris, ash, and soil before and during removal. Respirators should also be used during fire cleanup work.

If you have an appliance that needs to be replaced, then Coconino County Health and Human Services may be able to provide direct financial assistance up to \$3,000 to income eligible individuals. Call 928-679-7453 or email communityservices@coconino.az.gov. For additional support and resources, visit <https://www.coconino.az.gov/help>

Propane service providers have been advised to retrieve large propane tanks and/or ensure their safety.

Should you need to dispose of a five- or seven-gallon propane tank (typically used with a grill or heater), please contact John Graves Propane. They will accept them for proper disposal. If the propane tank was secured through a propane tank exchange program, such as Blue Rhino, the tank should be returned to those distributors. More here: <https://www.johngrovespropane.com/where-we-serve/flagstaff-office/>

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND REFRIGERATOR DISPOSAL: These materials should be taken to the Hazardous Products Center (HPC) at Cinder Lake Landfill at 6770 Landfill Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. HPC Monday through Saturday 8 am – 3 pm. Sunday they are closed.

City of Flagstaff and Coconino County residents must bring a valid AZ Driver's License or State Issued ID with your current address listed. Disposal is free to you as the cost is covered by Coconino County.

When you arrive, please inform the attendant that you have hazardous waste materials and they will direct you.

More information here www.flagstaff.az.gov/255

NON-HAZARDOUS BURNED MATERIALS

Other non-hazardous materials, such as fencing, partially burned wood, burned yard materials, coops, and non-plastic lawn furniture should be put in the non-food dumpsters which will be placed in the fire impacted neighborhoods beginning Monday, April 25. The dumpsters will be marked and a new map will be produced.

GREEN/YARD WASTE

Fire season is here and fire remains in your area. Please immediately create a defensible space around your home. This means clearing your yard and roof of pine needles, dead trees/plants, and branches spreading over any roofed and wooded surfaces.



Yard waste should NOT be placed in the dumpsters marked for FOOD, nor transported to the Cinder Lake Landfill Hazardous Products Center. Non-hazardous materials and green waste should be put in the non-food dumpsters which will be placed in the fire impacted neighborhoods that will arrive on Monday, April 25.

IN SUMMARY:

- Food waste → FOOD dumpsters
- Hazardous Materials and refrigerators → Cinder Lake Landfill Hazardous Products Center
- Non-Hazardous Burned Material and Green/Yard Waste → Non-food dumpsters which will be placed in the fire impacted neighborhoods beginning on Monday, April 25.

FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL MAP

