

Where To Get Assistance After A Fire

Assistance is provided to families that do not have renter's or homeowner's insurance coverage when they are displaced due to a fire. Any family needing emergency financial help with clothing, shelter, and food after losing everything in a fire can contact:

1. American Red Cross: 447-3229:
 - a. For major fires where there was a total loss, the American Red Cross may provide assistance with:
 - Three days of emergency shelter in a local hotel
 - Vouchers for each family member to purchase clothes
 - Vouchers for each family member to purchase food
 - A voucher for up to \$500 for first month's rent into a new location (depends on the circumstances)
 - Referrals to area thrift stores for assistance with household items
 - Referral to the local Food Bank for assistance with food, cleaning and personal items
 - Referral to Catholic Charities for assistance with utility deposits for the new location
 - b. For minor fires where the house is still livable, the Red Cross may provide assistance with:
 - Clean up kits
2. Catholic Charities: 876-0490:
 - a. Once a new home is found, bring in the referral form from the Red Cross and a copy of the fire report to Catholic Charities for payment of electric, water, and gas deposits.
3. Area Thrift Stores:
 - a. Fire victims can take their Red Cross Referrals and a copy of their fire report to area thrift stores for items such as furniture, appliances, dishes, cookware, curtains, etc. Depending on the need of the family and the availability of the items in the thrift stores at the time of the fire, items are given free of charge.

Items Needed to Complete An Application for Fire Assistance with Catholic Charities

1. Fire Report
2. Proof of Household Monthly Income
3. Rental Agreement for the new location
4. Names of utility companies that service the new address