

LAW OFFICES OF J. CHRISP

PEOPLE TO NOTIFY & HOW TO CONTACT THEM

ACCORDING TO SURVIVORS OF PAST WILDFIRES

THIS LIST IS PRIMARILY FOR SURVIVORS WITH HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

1. YOUR HOME OWNER'S INSURANCE

- i** *If you have not done so already, you should contact your homeowner's insurance company as soon as possible to begin the claims process. All insurance policies require policy holders to provide timely notice of a claim, and may have a one-year statute of limitations, starting from the date of the loss; some policies may have even shorter limits for filing claims.*

2. YOUR MORTGAGE HOLDER

- i** *If you don't know who your mortgage holder is or do not have their contact information, you may call the Butte County Recorder who has that information at (530) 538 – 7691.*

3. YOUR BANK & CREDIT CARDS

- i** *Contact your bank and credit cards to notify them of a change of address & request replacement ATM or credit cards if necessary.*

4. YOUR UTILITY PROVIDERS (GAS/ELECTRIC/WATER/CABLE, ETC...)

- i** *When you lose just about everything, you will soon need to buy a lot of things, likely starting with the basics such as a cell phone, a laptop, medications, clothing. It will eventually document much of the "personal property" that was lost. A dedicated credit card will make it much easier to keep track of the purchases that are being made a result of the loss of your home. Survivors also recommended getting a credit card that accumulates points or airline miles.*

5. SONOMA COUNTY: TAX COLLECTOR, ASSESSOR, & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

- i** *Sonoma County Tax Collector: (707) 565 – 2281. Sonoma County Assessor: (707) 565 – 1888. Sonoma County Registrar of Voters: (707) 565 – 6800.*

6. DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

- i** *Contact DMV to notify of change of address on driver's license & registration(s), cancel ownership of destroyed vehicle, obtain replacement documents if necessary. DMV Phone: 1 (800) 777 – 0133. Santa Rosa: 2570 Corby Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95407. Ukiah: 542 S. Orchard Ave. Ukiah, CA 95482.*

Please Note: These tips are for general guidance only and are not a substitute for legal advice.

LAW OFFICES OF J. CHRISP

(707) 994 - 0529

ATTORNEY ADVERTISEMENT