

Clarification for the Red, Yellow, Green Dots on the Fox Lake Damage Map

The attached map was created by Alberta Wildfire very early on in the fire response. It was a fast damage assessment. They wanted to map areas of Fox Lake that were hit the hardest by the fire. Firefighters made a very quick visual inspection and coded each property red, yellow, or green.

These colors were based on what the home looked like from the outside. They did not enter the homes and they did not visit all homes or cabins, so some properties do not have a dot.

What do the colors mean?

Green - No visible fire damage to the outside of the home

Yellow - Visible fire damage on the outside of the home

Red - The home was burned down by the fire

If a home is marked green it looks good from the outside, but it could have a small amount of damage that went unseen during the quick inspection.

If a home is marked yellow, it does not mean it's condemned. It means a firefighter saw some damage on the outside of the house that could have been from the fire.

Firefighters did not enter homes to inspect them, and they cannot decide if a home is condemned.

The Fox Lake Emergency Management Team is working with a damage assessment company that will be in Fox Lake for several weeks to inspect properties. The inspectors will be meeting with families to look at all homes and cabins for damage, make a list of any damaged personal items, and to determine how much a home must be cleaned before families move back in.

What if my home/cabin was burned down? How will it be inspected?

Damage assessors will visit all burned down homes/cabins to take pictures. Homeowners can start writing a list of everything that was in their home or cabin. Write down everything you can remember. The damage assessors will meet with you to add your list to your file. If you forget about some items that's okay, you can add them to your file later.