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2023 Paskwa Fire Home Testing and Cleaning Information

ALL FOX LAKE HOMEOWNERS ACCESS PROFESSIOAL CLEANERS

Environmental testers visited Fox Lake and tested about 70 homes for contaminants and hazardous materials. Not all homes had to be tested because they only needed samples from each zone. Zones had 6-8 homes tested.

If your home was not tested it is still eligible for professional cleaning. Any homeowner can request a level 3 cleaning which is the deepest and heaviest type of clean.

For tested homes, the testers looked in ceiling spaces, attics and basements, and adjacent spaces and floors above and below the area of concern. They inspected for:

- settled particulate,
- charred materials, and
- signs of moisture, including wet materials, water staining or water damage; standing water; and water accumulation from fire suppression efforts.

Levels for Cleaning

Homeowners can call the call centre to see what level their home was tested at but all members can ask for a level 3 heavy clean if they want one.

Level 1 Light Clean:

- -set up air scrubber for 3 days
- -hepa vaccum walls/ceiling/floors
- -wipe walls/ceiling/floors
- -bag all clothes/contents in clear bags and leave on site
- -bag all debris and leave on site
- -steam clean carpets/beds/furniture and all soft fabrics (curtains)
- -run Vapor shark overnight in each house
- -electrical inspection
- -hot water tank/furnace inspection
- -pressure wash exterior of home
- -clean furnace and duct work, seal duct work

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Level 2 Medium Clean:

- -set up air scrubber for 3 days
- -Hepa vaccum walls/ceiling/floors
- -medium clean on walls/ceiling/floors
- -bag all clothes/contents in clear bags and leave on site
- -bag all debris and leave on site
- -suck out insulation
- -encapsulate attic space
- -install blown in insulation to R40
- -electrical inspection
- -furnace/hot water tank inspection
- -clean furnace and ducts
- -steam clean carpets/beds/furniture and curtains
- -seal duct work
- -vapor shark for 3 days
- -pressure wash exterior of home

Level 3 Heavy Clean

- -set up air scrubber for 3 days
- · -bag all clothes/contents in clear bag and leave in home
- -bag all debris and leave in home
- -hepa vaccum walls/ceiling/floor
- -steam clean all carpets/beds/furniture and drapery
- -wash walls/floor and ceiling to prep for paint
- -suck out insulation
- -smoke seal attic
- -replace blown in to R40
- -paint walls/ceiling
- · -hot water tank inspection/replacement if necessary
- -furnace inspection and replace if necessary
- -duct cleaning
- -duct seal
- -vapour shark for 3 days
- -pressure wash exterior



How will I know if my home was tested?

Reports for all zones will be submitted to the Nation by July 14, 2023. You may call the call centre at 587-743-1806 to find out if your home was tested.

What if my house was not tested? How do I know it's safe?

Environmental testing is used by the damage assessors to understand how contaminated an area of Fox Lake might be compared to other areas.

A professional cleaner, or your damage assessor, will be able to tell you what level of cleaning your home needs based on their inspection and the location of your home or cabin. You can book a professional cleaner to visit your home through the call centre at 587-743-1806.

Can I get my house tested?

Not all homes will be tested. A professional cleaner and damage assessor will still visit your home. They will indicate how safe it is. Regardless of this, you can decide how you want your home to be cleaned and are eligible for a level 3 cleaning.

When can I clean my home or have a professional clean it for me?

You can start cleaning your home when you arrive. Cleaning kits are available at the bus bay across from Fox Lake Elementary. You can book a professional cleaner to visit your home through the call centre at 587-743-1806.



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What do I do when I get to my home or cabin?

Step 1. Turn on your electrical breaker if it's not on.

- After you turn on your breaker check all rooms and lights to make sure everything is working.
- If your electricity does not come on turn off your breaker.
- If your electricity turns on make note of any burned-out lights or other issues.

Step 3. Take pictures of any damage.

• If you can take pictures, please do so. Take photos of all damaged items inside and outside your house before throwing anything away, cleaning, or making any repairs.

Step 3. Begin cleaning or book a visit with a professional cleaner.

- You can start cleaning when you get home.
- You can book a professional cleaner to visit your home through the call centre at 587-743-1806.
- There may not be clean water in Fox Lake. If this is the case, you will only be able to do light surface cleaning with wipes and spray.
- You can clean your home before your damage assessor meets with you.
- Remember, don't throw anything in the garbage and take photos.

What if I do not want to return home to clean it until there is potable water, medical services, RCMP, food and fuel?

- It is okay to not return home to clean it. It is up to you.
- If you have your house keys and want Fox Lake security to open your house for a professional cleaner and the damage assessor, you can leave your keys with barge security. They will tag your keys and escort a cleaner and assessor to your house.

If my home needs repairs, when will they be done?

The time it takes to repair your home depends in the type of damage it has. We will be able to provide a better estimate when the damage assessment is completed near the middle of August 2023.

My home was burned down, when will it be re-built?

We do not have timelines for individual houses. When we have this information homeowners will be notified.



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