

## Fire, Soot and Smoke Damage cleanup

Station Fire from Outer Space -Sept 1, 2009 California's wildfires have caused surrounding homes extensive damage to their property. Almost all damaged homes have soot and smoke odor in them from the fires. Soot contains harmful chemicals that should be removed from your property with the correct equipment (HEPA air scrubbers and filters). Soot can cling to walls, ceilings, furniture, the tracks of your windows, behind baseboards and light plate switches and into clothing and sofas.

Oddly enough, much of the more serious damage I've seen is done when firefighters have had to open doors and windows (fire prevention) to water down roofs and evacuate property owners, thereby allowing more smoke and soot to enter the home. During the Sayre fire, Caldecon worked on three homes where the backyard was right up against the hillside of the Sayre fire and one across the street. The damage was tremendous, pools turned black, landscaping burned, attics filled up with soot and homes had piles of soot particles everywhere imaginable.

The easiest place soot gets into is the attic of your home. Many times ducting and HVAC systems reside in the attic and the soot can compromise your home air quality and the contents of your home. The soot in the attic should be removed as well as the insulation. Over the years, dust particles from the attic can fall into your home, which means soot can fall into your home (lighting systems in ceilings). We use industrial ozone generators to remediate homes of smoke odors usually after the soot is removed. We also use HEPA filtered vacuums and air scrubbers to clean every square inch of your home. We have and are able to work with your insurance adjuster on getting your home back to the healthy clean place it once was!

Call Caldecon today for your fire, soot and smoke cleanup needs. Our estimates are free! We are experienced, professional and friendly! (818) 442-0055