Contacts:

Telephone Service Providers

AT&T - (803) 780-2355 Comporium - (800) 258-7978 Windstream - (866) 445-5880

Electric Service Providers

SCE&G - 1-888-333-4465 MCEC - 1-888-813-7000 Tri-County Electric - (803) 874-1215 Newberry Electric - (803) 276-1121 Aiken Electric - (803) 649-6245

Gas Service Providers

SCE&G -1-888-333-4465

Water & Sewer Providers

Carolina Water - 1 800 272 1919 West Columbia - (803) 791-1880 City of Columbia - (803) 545-3400 Joint Municipal - (803) 359-8373 Cayce Water - (803) 796-9020 Town of Lexington - (803 951-4695 Gaston Water - (803) 794-2819 Swansea Water - (803) 568-2835 Gilbert Water - (803) 892-5544 Batesburg-Leesville - (803) 532-6410

Red Cross

(803) 540-1200

Animal Control

(803) 785-8149

I.R.S.

1-866-562-5227

Lexington County Fire Service

436 Ball Park Rd. Lexington, SC 29072 Phone: (803) 785-8287 Fax: (803) 785-8589

NOTES:	

After a Fire Guide

Lexington County Fire Service



Mission Statement:

The Lexington County Fire Service
Shall be a Community Oriented
Agency that Provides Quality Fire
Prevention, Fire Suppression and
Rescue Services to All.

TELL US HOW YOU RATE THE SERVICE YOU RECEIVED BY LEXINGTON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE.

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- After a fire, items inside of the structure can be badly damaged and contain harmful contaminants.
 Also, floors and walkways may be weakened due to charring or water damage. Check with the fire department prior to reentering the building.
- There are certain techniques used by professional fire fighters to ensure that a fire is fully extinguished. Holes in walls, the roof, and the ceiling, possibly in undamaged areas, are a few examples.
- homeowners or renters, you should call your insurance company as soon as possible and notify the landlord or property manager. If you are uninsured, you can obtain the phone number to the local Red Cross on the contacts page of this brochure. You may also want to contact the Salvation Army, religious organizations, community groups, and nonprofit crisis-counseling centers.

- A copy of the fire incident report will help you in talking with your insurance company and landlord about the incident. A fire report can be obtained by calling Lexington County Fire Service Headquarters @ 803.785.8287.
- You need to contact the mortgage company in regards to the fire.
- During the course of a fire, the fire department may ask your utility services to come out and disconnect services such as water, electric, or gas. These services should not be reconnected without evaluation by a professional.
- Any food, beverage, or medicine should not be consumed. The American Red Cross will assist in obtaining any emergency prescriptions.
- Pets should be taken to a local veterinary office after a fire for a checkup to identify any hidden injuries or burns. If your pet was lost during the fire, obtain the phone number from the contacts page for the Lexington County Animal Control Service and advise them of the situation and a description of your pet.

- The IRS may have special benefits for people recovering from fire loss.
 You can find their number on the contacts page. Also, keep any receipts that you obtain during your rebuilding phase. The IRS may need these to prove your loss on your tax return.
- Try to find valuable documents and records. Copies can be obtained through either the state, county, or federal government.
 - Driver's License
 - o Auto Registration
 - Bank Books
 - Insurance Policies
 - Military Discharge Papers
 - Passports
 - Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce Certificates and Papers
 - Social Security and Medicare Cards
 - Credit Cards
 - o Titles to Deeds
 - Stocks and Bonds
 - o Wills
 - Medical Records
 - Warranties
 - Tax Records
 - Citizenship Papers
 - Animal Registrations
 - Mortgage Papers