

General Cleaning Information

Food

Use detergent and water to wash canned goods and food in jars

If the labels come off, mark the contents with a permanent marker

Don't try to salvage any cans that have bulged or have other visible damage

Appliances

Remember to have all electrical appliances checked before using them.

You can attempt to remove odor from your freezer or refrigerator by washing the inside with baking soda and water, or water mixed with either vinegar or ammonia (ratio: 1 cup/1 gallon of water)

An open box of baking soda left inside can also help absorb odor

Clothing

Smoke and soot can sometimes be washed from clothing.

Before using any treatment, follow manufacturer's instructions

Furniture, Walls, Floors

Tri-Sodium Phosphate can be used in a mixture for cleaning

Remember it is caustic and protective rubber gloves should always be worn

Check the labels for further information

As with any chemical, store it out of reach of children and pets

The following solution can be used for soot and smoke removal:

- 1 gallon warm water
- 1 cup chlorine bleach or household cleaner
- 4 to 6 Tablespoons Tri-Sodium Phosphate

Wood Furniture

Remove drawers to dry thoroughly

Dry wood furniture inside

Direct exposure to sun can cause furniture to warp

Open doors and windows if necessary to aid in ventilation

A solution of ½ cup household ammonia and ½ cup water can be used to remove film or spots

Rub the wood with a cloth soaked in the solution

Wipe dry and polish

Contact a furniture restoration specialist for information

Rugs and Carpet

Contact a qualified carpet cleaner or dealer for information on how to salvage your carpet

Dry rugs as soon as possible by laying them flat, making sure air can circulate around them

Using a fan can also help dry them

Mattresses and Pillows

It is almost impossible to get smoke odor and damage out of mattresses and pillows

Unless only slightly damaged, these items are usually losses