

## **Property Value**

You will want to make a complete, detailed property inventory list. This list will aid your insurance agent, fire investigation purposes, and assist in any income tax loss claims. Remember to record and keep receipts of ALL fire loss related expenditures. Call your insurance agent and review your policy coverage. Ask for a copy of your policy if it was lost in the fire.

If you are not insured, you may be able to access resources from your community. Consider contacting the following organizations for aid and assistance:

- Religious organizations
- Social Services
- Employee assistance programs
- American Red Cross/Salvation Army
- State or municipal emergency services
- Crisis counseling centers
- Community resources/food shelves

## **Property Salvage Hints**

Contact a qualified fire and/or water damage restoration contractor to obtain an estimate. You will find them listed in the yellow pages of the telephone book. The Minnesota Extension Service or a specialist from your disaster relief organization may also provide suggestions on cleaning or salvaging the following:

- Books
- Mattresses and pillows
- Flooring
- Rugs/carpeting
- Furniture
- Walls
- Leather goods
- Pictures

Use caution when trying to salvage household items:

- Electrical wiring - a qualified electrician should check all wiring that's been exposed to heat.
- Electrical appliances should not be operated until checked by an authorized service representative.
- Refrigerators and freezers - these appliances only hold their temperatures for short periods of time. If food wasn't transferred immediately, discard it.

Contact the Federal Reserve, U.S. Mint, or Department of Treasury for compensation information for burned money, mutilated coins or destroyed U.S. Savings bonds.