

Out of the Ashes - Home Loss File System

What is the Home Loss File System?

This file system is designed for families who have lost their homes in a natural disaster. Each box contains pre-labeled hanging files and manila folders to help organize important forms, receipts, and documents. Below are step-by-step instructions for assembling the physical box. Once the box is assembled, you will be able to organize receipts, documents, contracts, applications, notes and other information, as well as download, print and file worksheets and other handouts that provide helpful information and tips.

Access Free Digital Resources

How to Create a Home a Loss File System:

[Click here for step-by-step instructions](#) (Google Doc)

[Click here for step-by-step instructions](#) (PDF)

About Out of the Ashes:

We are a group of San Diego residents (many of whom lost our home in the 2003 Cedar Creek Wildfire) who are passionate about helping families in the aftermath of a catastrophic natural disaster. This Home Loss File System is a tool, modeled on one used by Scripps Ranch residents in the wake of the 2003 Cedar Fire, that helped families deal with rebuilding their lives in an organized and efficient manner. Our mantra was, "Getting organized helps us feel in control of our lives again."

Questions?

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