

To all Oakridge Homeowners whose homes were not destroyed in the Sayre Fire

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Most of you know that State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, is in the process of inspecting existing homes and their lots for possible hazards (electrical, gas, etc.), trying to see that these homes can be occupied as soon as the debris-removal process is far enough along for the State to grant permission for that. In order to accomplish the inspections, the State must have access to the inside of the homes. To facilitate the inspection process, the State has furnished forms for homeowners to sign which authorizes State personnel to enter your home. They will not enter a home without such authorization except in an emergency, so you need to sign their "Authorization to Enter and Inspect" form if you have not already done so.

The State will not grant permission to re-occupy any home which has not been inspected, so you need to grant access for this inspection process if you want to move back into your home when the State finally grants permission to re-occupy the existing homes. The blank forms are at the temporary office at the park. If it is inconvenient for you to travel to the park, please call the office there at 818/367-1128 asap to arrange for a form to be sent (preferably via fax) to you. You will be contacted by an Oakridge representative regarding the possibility of your being present for the inspection of your home.

Some people have said that they are reluctant to sign the State's authorization form because they believe that the park will begin charging rent as soon as their homes are inspected. That is definitely not the case. Those inspections are for the existing homes and lots only, not for the entire park. Much needs to be done regarding debris removal and utilities restoration throughout the park before the existing homes can be re-occupied. While owners of the remaining homes will almost surely be granted permission to re-occupy at an earlier date than the rest of the park, the individual home/lot inspections will not of themselves trigger that event. There will be no charge for rent until the State has approved the park itself for occupancy of the remaining homes.

