



How to Choose a Fire Damage Restoration Company Near Me

A fire in your home can change your life in an instant. **According to Ready.com**, a joint initiative from FEMA and DHS, a small flame can turn into a major fire in as little as 30 seconds, filling your home with smoke in mere minutes. When this happens, getting your family out safely is your first concern.

Once the fire department has extinguished the fire, however, you must put your life back together. One of the major steps in this process is to hire a restoration company to put back your home.

While there are a number of **fire restoration** companies out there, not all of these companies are the same, and you will need to decide which company you trust to handle fire damage restoration in your home.

Here is a guide to help you choose the best company for your fire restoration needs. One who can get your life back to normal quickly.





What Is Fire Damage Restoration?

Simply put, fire damage restoration refers to cleaning and repairing any damage that smoke or fire caused to your home and belongings. Repairing damage from a fire is much different than other kinds of repair because the damage tends to vary and often involves toxic substances.

Reputable fire restoration companies will try to salvage everything they can in order to minimize the amount of reconstruction that is necessary. However, they also have to contend with water damage from putting out the fire, smoke and burning odors, and the potential mold growth.

Because of this wide range of damage, you need a restoration company that will not only investigate and repair the structural damage, but also address your entire home, including the indoor air quality (which may be affected by mold and residual compounds from smoke and burning materials). But how do you choose between all of the companies that offer this service?

Where to Look for a Fire Restoration Company

There are several ways you can find the best **fire damage** restoration company for you. Here are some of the more common ways that homeowners choose a fire restoration company.

Insurance company:

One of your first steps after a fire occurs in your home should be to contact your insurance company. They will work with you to start the claims process. During this initial discussion, you can ask them to recommend a fire restoration company. This ensures that the company will accept your insurance. However, you are not required to accept their suggestions if you are not comfortable with the options they suggest.

Family members and friends:

There is a good chance that someone in your network of friends and family members has had to deal with damage from a fire in their homes. This makes these individuals a valuable resource for finding a reputable company near you. They can give you insight into what it was like to work with a given company.

Ask the internet:

One way to find many companies in your area is to search the internet for fire damage restoration companies. You will likely receive a number of hits. Every company's home page should provide you with information about their work and service area. You can also read online reviews from previous customers, both on the company's website and on third-party sites such as Google and Yelp.



Choosing the Right Fire Damage Restoration Company

Once you have found companies that could potentially handle your fire restoration, you must decide which company is the best for your needs. As you start contacting companies, make sure that they can answer these questions:



- Are you licensed and insured?
- Are you local to the area?
- What is your fire restoration process?
- How do you work with insurance companies?
- Will you provide written reports on your work?
- How long will it take to finish repairs?

One of the most important questions to ask is how much the process will cost. Because there are so many aspects that go into remediating fire and smoke damage, it can be difficult to give an exact quote, and the process can get expensive.

According to HomeAdvisor, the **national average cost** for fire restoration is \$15,547, although that range can extend to more than \$30,000.



When choosing a fire damage restoration company, look for a contractor that is upfront and honest with you about the cost involved. Companies that quote a suspiciously low price usually either overrun the cost or do a second-rate job.

While you will almost certainly be ready to put the fire behind you, cutting corners on fire restoration can cause many more problems down the road.



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