

# Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

**Division:** 200      **Emergency Operations**  
**Section:** 202      **Fire & Rescue**  
**Subject:** 202.22      **Salvage Operations**



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## **PURPOSE:**

To define the District's procedures for salvage operations

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

All District Personnel

## **PROCEDURES:**

Salvage operations are activities required to stop direct and indirect damage to as much property as possible. This includes losses from water, smoke and firefighting efforts. Salvage operations must be aimed at aggressively controlling loss and often involves early smoke removal and covering contents with salvage covers or plastic. The contents of all threatened areas should be moved to a safe location as manpower allows.

Salvage efforts should begin in areas most severely threatened with damage, typically directly adjacent to or below the fire area. Additional salvage activities should expand outward until all areas of potential loss are secured. If possible, remove valuables when requested and give them directly to the owner.

The following items should be considered when addressing salvage:

- Type, value, and location of contents
- The extent and location of the fire
- Recognition of existing and potential damage sources