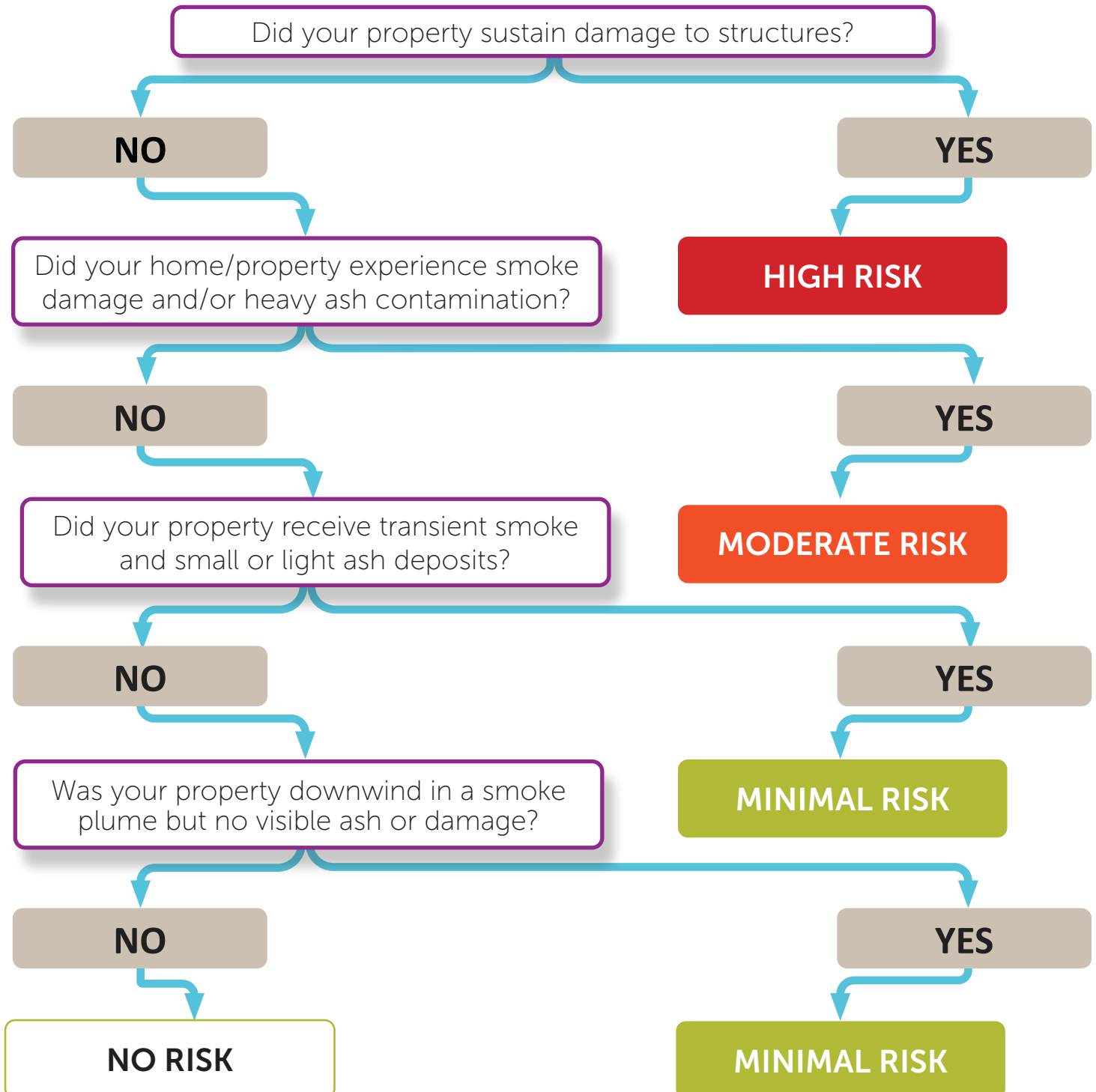


# ASSESSING THE SAFETY OF YOUR GARDEN AFTER A FIRE



This tool is designed to help property owners determine the risk to their soil as a result of the Marshall fire and provide mitigation advice.

**USE THIS RESOURCE TO ASSESS THE LEVEL OF DAMAGE AND IDENTIFY RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**



# RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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## LEVEL 1

## MINIMAL

- Risk is minimal but the only way to know is test for soil characteristics.
- Any produce or food growing during the fire should be discarded if smoke impacted your property or you are unsure.

## LEVEL 2

## MODERATE

- Remove a few inches of soil as soon as possible to help prevent possible contamination from migrating deeper in soil.
- Getting your soil tested before gardening is the best way to determine its condition.

## LEVEL 3

## HIGH

- Remove the top few inches of soil after ash and debris clean up.
- Soil sampling is recommended.
- Getting your soil tested before gardening is the best way to determine its condition.

# RESOURCES

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## Colorado State University

- [Soil, Water and Plant Testing Laboratory](#): 970-491-5061
- [Selecting an Analytical Lab](#)

## Oregon State University

- [What should I do about the wildfire ash covering my yard and garden?](#)
- [Take precautions when wildfire ash falls on fruits and vegetables](#)