

Family Credits Gel With Saving Home

PAUMA VALLEY, Calif. -- One North County family is crediting fire-resistant gel for saving their home from the Poomacha firestorm.

Kayla and Rebecca Schulze returned home Monday, giving their house and barn and thorough cleaning of ash, dirt and the fire-resistant gel called Barricade. As the flames approached their property, their father drove them to a fire-safe spot, then spent \$500 on the retardant and sprayed it on all their structures.

"Less than five hundred dollars a box, to save many thousands of dollars for your house -- I think that's worth it," Rebecca Schulze said.

Before the fire, the Schulzes said they saw a salesman demonstrate the one of the products.

"The side that didn't have the Barricade Gel on it started burning, and then when it got to the Barricade stuff, it burned out," said Kayla Schulze.

Many of the family pets were inside the barn when the flames swept through. The girls said they believe the animals survived because of the fire-resistant gel.

And they're sure their dad will keep some on hand, in case another fire threatens their home.