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Finding a few things: Kansas Highway Patrolman Dan McCollum displays a flag he found Monday at the home of Rod Bradley, center, in Greensburg. Bradley and his daughter-in-law, Juliette Bradley, were seeing the home for the first time since the tornado hit Friday.

penberger said she didn't know to begin so she just started digging with bare hands.

She was happy to find anything salvageable and exclaimed with joy when she found an electric potato peeler. She was especially eager to find her husband's coin collection and family pictures.

Like many other residents, however, she stated that she had been prevented from entering her home over the weekend.

City officials told her she had two days to retrieve what belongings she could, "then they were going to come in and bulldoze it."

"We're not going to bulldoze until I'm finished with it," she said. "They need to give us time."

The city countered that residents will have ample time to clear their property of valuables. At a certain point, however, he said the city must be able to repair utilities, such as water and power. "We're going to clear off utility easements," he said.

There also are safety hazards associated with disasters, such as sewer problems, gas leaks and dangerous debris.

"There will be a time when the city may have to step in and deal with issues of safety," Hewitt said.

City officials are making decisions day

by alley, 42, also wants assurances that they have time. Halley owns three homes on Walnut Street. He lived in one and lost the others.

"I saw the devastation Monday morning," he said he was shocked. "I started crying," he said.

He collects stationary engines built in the 1900s. Each is worth \$1,000 to \$2,000, he said, and he needs time to find and transport them. He also wants to care for his family through the shattered remains of destroyed homes.

"The question is how long are they going to let us dig out our personal belongings?" he asked. "That's all I've got."



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