

Greater Los Angeles-Area Wildfire Responses and Resources for Homeowners

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The devastation from the multiple wildfires in Southern California has impacted community associations (homeowner and condominium associations) of all sizes and types in the Greater Los Angeles-area. CAI and the community association housing industry are here to support and provide resources to our friends and family within our community impacted by this devasting emergency and natural disaster.

If you or someone you know is in immediate need of a life-sustaining shelter, please visit the American Red Cross's webpage and list of available shelters <u>here</u>. AirBnB is also offering temporary housing to people impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires, information can be found <u>here</u>. Additionally, the Los Angeles Convention and Tourism Board has information on hotels offering shelter for evacuees <u>here</u>. Information on state-run shelters is available here.

CAI supports those communities recovering from these deadly fires and working to remove physical hazards in the way of recovery efforts. CAI has gathered the below information on current state, local, and federal responses and resources to assist with the difficult task of navigating and sustaining safety and initial recovery during and following this emergency and disaster.

For those affected by the Eaton Hurst, and Palisades fires in the Greater Los Angeles area, here are some resources that may assist you:



Federal Response and Resources:

President Biden announced during a press conference on Thursday, January 10th, that the federal government will be funding 100% of the disaster response costs associated with the wildfires, including debris removal and setting up temporary shelters: https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/california-wildfires-biden-los-angeles/

- Overview of Federal Response Efforts: White House press release on the Biden Administration's response to the wildfires, including the issuance of a Major Disaster Declaration.
 - o https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2025/01/08/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-supporting-robust-response-efforts-to-california-wildfires/
- FEMA Wildfire Information Landing Page: Offers guidance for those impacted by wildfires generally:
 - o https://www.fema.gov/disaster/wildfire-actions
- American Red Cross: Wildfire Safety Tips: Follow these tips to assist with evacuations and response efforts during the Greater Los Angeles wildfires:
- FEMA Press Release: Confirms FEMA action for Hurst Wildfire and outlines initial assistance:
 - https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20250108/fema-fire-management-assistance-granted-hurst-fire?utm_&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3YWAaC0U86BIcdqhlDKvbc9KKSJdi9CjUerkYAxhxtsTf1g8G6veKEer4 aem KgvcMUxg6ajhrbJobrwFwQ
- FEMA Hurst Wildfire Landing Page: Offers federal assistance for those impacted by the Hurst Fire.
 - o https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5551
- FEMA Eaton Wildfire Landing Page: Offers federal assistance for those impacted by the Eaton Fire.
 - o https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5550
- FEMA Palisades Wildfire Landing Page: Offers federal assistance for those impacted by the Palisades Fire.
 - o https://www.fema.gov/disaster/5549
- American Red Cross Announcement: Overview of assistance currently being offered by the American Red Cross:
 - o https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/press-release/2025/red-cross-helping-in-southern-california-as-wildfires-force-thousands-from-their-homes.html
- FEMA Disaster Assistance: Information on how to apply for disaster assistance through FEMA for individuals impacted by the California wildfires:
 - o https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4856
- FEMA Disaster Assistance Portal: Apply for disaster assistance here:
 - https://www.disasterassistance.gov/?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaYEV0DsX47 U7cfrez7Fi5yfU-FxaXclkkybDxOietDsQRO2WD1R3TGI2Fk aem rlcnX0LG tbQLpy2CFpDXw



- FEMA designated disaster areas: Learn about which counties have been declared disaster areas by FEMA:
 - o https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4856/designated-areas
- FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA): Find a hotel participating in FEMA's TSA program, which sees FEMA cover the cost of a room, taxes, and pet fees:
 - o https://www.femaemergencyhotels.com/

Additionally, Representative Norma Torres (D-CA-34) has published a comprehensive guide to current federal assistance programs for individuals impacted by the ongoing wildfires: https://torres.house.gov/imo/media/doc/community_funding_resources.pdf.

FEMA has a comprehensive list of contact information for each California state agency responsible for disaster response and recovery, as well as local assistance organizations such as food banks: https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual/disaster-survivors/state-local-referral-lists/california

State Response and Resources:

On January 9th, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced a one-year moratorium on home insurance cancellations and non-renewals in areas impacted by the Palisades and Eaton Wildfires, determined by zip code: https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2025/releasea005-2025.cfm

- California Governor's Office Announcement: Details on state efforts and resources available for firefighting and recovery:
 - https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/01/08/california-secures-federal-assistance-to-support-response-to-hurst-fire-in-los-angeles-county/?utm_&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR08FGkzA1tECDEO3nGw6hLsXcAZcI49n38uhW25m8iwb1EDqPXSR-s-0kk_aem_thIsWVsRJ89tFqHw7RKUIA
- California Executive Order N-4-25: Governor Newsom signed this executive order on 1/12 to lift environmental review requirements for rebuilding projects, and direct the California Department of Housing and Community Development to review building codes for additional areas to be suspended to facilitate rebuilding:
 - o https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/EO-N-4-25-Rebuilding-Final-signed.pdf
- California Executive Order N-9-25: Streamlines approval process to allow for the construction of temporary manufactured housing in jurisdictions impacted by the wildfires:
 - o https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/EO-Temp-Housing_1.16.25-GGN-Signed-Final-for-Print.pdf
- California Governor's Office January 13th Press Release: Details goals for appropriations bills this legislative session to assist with recovery efforts:
 - o https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/01/13/governor-newsom-proposes-billions-in-new-funding-for-l-a-firestorm-response-and-recovery/
- California Wildfire Recovery and Hazardous Waste Removal Landing Page: Updates on state-led recovery and debris removal efforts will be posted here as they become available:
 - o https://wildfirerecovery.caloes.ca.gov/



- CalFire Palisades Fire News and Evacuation Information Landing Page: Map of impacted area available here:
 - o https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/1/7/palisades-fire
- CalFire Eaton Fire News and Evacuation Information Landing Page: Map of impacted area available here:
 - o https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/1/7/eaton-fire
- CalFire Hurst Fire News and Evacuation Information Landing Page: Map of impacted area available here:
 - o https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2025/1/7/hurst-fire
- CalFire Homepage: Contains overview of all current wildfires in California:
 - o https://www.fire.ca.gov/
- California Governor's Office Homepage: Features current news updates regarding the state's response efforts:
 - o https://www.gov.ca.gov/
- January 10th Announcement from Governor Gavin Newsom: Provides overview of resources being allocated for relief and where to access disaster assistance:
 - o https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/01/09/californias-partnership-with-federal-government-boosts-states-rapid-response-to-los-angeles-fires/
- California Governor's Office LA Wildfire Landing Page: Hub for information on assistance resources and sources for information an updates on the wildfire response:
 - o https://www.ca.gov/LAfires/
- Los Angeles County Recovery Landing Page: Hub for information on tax relief, assistance applications, and local resources for individuals impacted by the wildfires:
 - o https://recovery.lacounty.gov/resources/
- Property Tax Relief Information: FAQ document providing guidance for the application process for LA County property tax relief after a disaster:
 - https://res.cloudinary.com/los-angeles-countyassessor/image/upload/v1736540235/Factsheet/Relief_for_Properties_Impacted_By_A_ Disaster.pdf

Local Response and Resources:

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass issued Executive Order 1 on January 13th expediting the review process for properties being rebuilt, so long as the size is not increased by more than 10%. Read the order here: https://mayor.lacity.gov/news/mayor-bass-issues-sweeping-executive-order-clear-way-angelenos-rebuild-their-homes-fast

- Governor Gavin Newsom's Declaration of a State of Emergency: This document declares a state
 of emergency for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, effective until rescinded by the Governor.
 This allows local officials to receive additional state resources to combat the wildfires as they
 spread:
 - o https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/SOE_Palisades-Fire_1-7-25_Formatted.pdf



The following links contain updates on the activities of first responders, and local evacuation orders:

- Los Angeles Fire Department Alerts: Latest announcements regarding evacuations in Los Angeles City and County:
 - o https://lafd.org/alerts
- Los Angeles Fire Department Palisades Fire News and Evacuation Information Landing Page: Map of impacted area available here:
 - o https://lafd.org/news/palisades-fire-0
- Los Angeles Fire Department Hurst Fire News and Evacuation Information Landing Page: Map of impacted area available here:
 - o https://lafd.org/news/hurst-fire
- City of Malibu Palisades Fire Landing Page: Latest evacuation information, school closures, and utility service impact:
 - o https://malibucity.org/1168/Palisades-Fire
- City of Pasadena Evacuation Center Information: Evacuation center information listed on the City's homepage:
 - o https://www.cityofpasadena.net/
- City of Burbank Updates: Please note that Burbank has no evacuation in place at this time, however updates will be posted here:
 - o https://www.burbankca.gov/redflagupdates
- City of Beverly Hills Disaster Information Landing Page: The city continues to monitor the situation but does not have specific information yet. Updates will be available here:
 - o https://www.beverlyhills.org/180/Current-Emergency-Disaster-Information
- Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass X/Twitter Feed: Mayor Bass's office has been sending out communications via social media regarding the status of the wildfires, including evacuation orders:
 - o https://x.com/MayorOfLA
- Ventura County Fire Department Fire Monitoring: Find real-time information on wildfire movement within Ventura County here:
 - o https://vcfd.org/watch-duty/
- Los Angeles Animal Services: Information for pet and livestock owners looking for shelter:
 - o https://www.laanimalservices.com/emergency-preparedness
- LA County Public Health: Provides information on current public health recommendations related to the ongoing wildfires, including boil water notices. There is currently a ban on leaf blowers in LA County:
 - o http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/wildfire/
- City of Los Angeles Wildfire Landing Page: Hub for information and resources on the ongoing wildfires, including power outages, and evacuation orders:
 - o https://lacity.gov/
- City of Los Angeles recovery assistance for property owners: Information on recovery assistance currently available for property owners:
 - o https://emergency.lacity.gov/recovery#property



- City of Santa Monica Palisades Fire Landing Page: Provides the latest updates and evacuation orders for city residents:
 - o https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/palisades-fire-updates

Donation Opportunities

- The Malibu Foundation- https://www.themalibufoundation.org/
- List of Charities Responding to the Wildfire-https://www.charitynavigator.org/discover-charities/where-to-give/palisades-fire-2025/?utm source=GiveNowList&utm medium=orgsocial&utm campaign=X-PalisadesFire
- Further information on charities responding to wildfires from Time Magazine: https://time.com/7205547/los-angeles-wildfires-how-to-help-victims/
- Additional information on charities responding to wildfires from The Cut: <u>How to Help Victims</u>
 of the Pacific Palisades Wildfires
- California FIRE Foundation- https://cpf.salsalabs.org/disasterrelief/index.html
- American Red Cross, Los Angeles Region: https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles.html
- Emergency Network Los Angeles (donation and volunteer opportunities): https://enla.org/

If you are in an area affected by recent wildfires and need assistance with your membership, please contact us at 888-224-4321. Assistance is also available regarding extensions for designation recertifications, courses, and webinars. Contact <u>CAI</u>.