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**Evacuate and prepare**

* Evacuation notices and critical updates for LA County: [Ready LA](https://ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications/)
* Tips for evacuating safely: [Evacuation Guide](https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/)
* Prepare for emergencies: [Ready.ca.gov](https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/)
* Overall planning efforts: [bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov](http://www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/)

**Health information during wildfires**

* How to stay healthy during a wildfire: [California Department of Public Health - Wildfire](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/Wildfire%20Pages/Wildfires--.aspx)
* Air quality: [Air Quality Monitoring (South Coast AQMD)](https://www.aqmd.gov/)
* Get prescription assistance from the federal [Emergency Prescription Assistance Program.](https://aspr.hhs.gov/epap/Pages/default.aspx)

**Find shelter and get help**

* [**Real-time list of open shelters**](https://news.caloes.ca.gov/shelters-available-for-communities-impacted-by-wildfires-in-southern-california-5/)
Local shelters from Cal OES and local partners.
* [**Temporary housing - Individuals and Households Program**](https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual/program)
FEMA offers help for temporary housing through this program. They offer displacement assistance of 14 days of housing for residents who qualify. You could also qualify for several months of rental assistance.

**Food assistance**

* [**Low-income women and children - WIC**](https://myfamily.wic.ca.gov/Home/HowCanIGetWIC#HowCanIGetWIC)
Provides food benefits for women and children.
* **CalFresh**
Sign up for [CalFresh](https://benefitscal.com/) or have them [replace food lost in the fires](https://www.getcalfresh.org/faq#info-benefits-replacement-end).
* [**Food banks**](https://cdss.ca.gov/food-banks)
Find food banks in your area.

**Real-time updates**

* Ongoing fires: [fire.ca.gov](https://www.fire.ca.gov/)
* Power shutoffs: [Stay Updated on Public Safety Power Shutoffs](https://www.sce.com/outage-center/outage-information/psps)
* School and government closures: [LA County 211](https://211la.org/LA-Wildfires)
* Traffic maps: [CalTrans Traffic Alert/Map](https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/)
* Latest news: [Cal OES News](https://news.caloes.ca.gov/)

**Individual Assistance (FEMA)**

[**Apply for Individual Assistance**](https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual)

Individual Assistance is a group of federal programs that help disaster survivors. FEMA may provide money and other services to help you recover. This includes:

* Housing
* Funds for repairs
* Help for people with disabilities
* Legal services

Learn more on [FEMA’s LA Fires page](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4856#help-families).

If you have insurance, **file a claim as soon as possible**. FEMA will ask for your coverage information when you apply.

**Three ways to apply**

1. Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov/). This is the fastest and easiest way to apply.
2. Through the [FEMA App](https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-products#download) for mobile devices.
3. By calling the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-3362, 4 AM to 10 PM (PST). Help is available in most languages.

**Help with applying**

* Get in-person help at a [Disaster Recovery Center](https://news.caloes.ca.gov/los-angeles-county-disaster-recovery-centers-open-tuesday-for-hurricane-force-firestorm-survivors/)
* Watch a video on how to apply: [FEMA Accessible: Registering for Individual Assistance](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhtlyTX49RE)
* Read the [citizenship and immigration status requirements](https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual/program/citizenship-immigration-status)

**Other assistance**

* [**Los Angeles County Disaster Recovery Centers**](https://news.caloes.ca.gov/los-angeles-county-disaster-recovery-centers-open-tuesday-for-hurricane-force-firestorm-survivors/)
Get help with federal aid applications, housing and rental support, and access to services. Review the [Disaster Recovery Center checklist](https://www.ca.gov/docs/disaster-recovery-center-checklist.pdf) to help with your visit.
* **Disaster Assistance Guide for Immigrants**
[English](https://cdss.ca.gov/Portals/13/DisasterAssistanceGuideforImmigrantCaliforniansFinal.pdf) | [Spanish](https://cdss.ca.gov/Portals/13/DisasterAssistanceGuideforImmigrantCaliforniansSpanishFinal.pdf)

**Returning to your home**

Local, state, and federal teams are assessing neighborhoods every day. Find out [what you need to know before you return home](https://www.ca.gov/lafires/returning-to-your-home/).

**Fire damage maps**

Stay informed. View damage maps from the Palisade and Eaton fires to check the status of your property.

**Palisades Fire**— 63% contained

[**View the Palisades Fire damage map**](https://arcg.is/1vnjra1)

**Eaton Fire**— 89% contained

[**View the Eaton Fire damage map**](https://arcg.is/nqWXD0)

**Replace your personal documents**

* [**Driver’s license and ID cards (DMV)**](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/driver-licenses-identification-cards/replace-your-driver-license-or-identification-dl-id-card/)
The DMV can help you get replacements. You can also call:
	+ 1-800-777-0133 (or TTY 1-800-735-2929
	+ 1-800-368-4327 for hearing or speech impaired)
* [**Vehicle titles (DMV)**](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv-virtual-office/replacement-title/)
The DMV can help you get replacements. You can also call:
	+ 1-800-777-0133 (or TTY 1-800-735-2929
	+ 1-800-368-4327 for hearing or speech impaired)
* [**Birth, death, and marriage records (CDPH)**](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Vital-Records.aspx)
CDPH can help you get replacements.

**File insurance claims**

If you have insurance, file a claim as soon as possible.

* [**California protects you from losing your home insurance**](https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/140-catastrophes/MandatoryOneYearMoratoriumNonRenewals.cfm).
State law protects residents by preventing insurance companies from canceling or not renewing home insurance policies for one year in areas near a wildfire. This 1-year moratorium applies to all residents in the affected area, including total and no loss.
* **Get help with your claim**.
The California Department of Insurance gives help in many languages.
	+ [Resources to help recent wildfire victims](https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/140-catastrophes/WildfireResources.cfm)
	+ [Top ten tips for wildfire claims](https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/140-catastrophes/TopTenTips_WildfireClaimants.cfm)
	+ [Working with contractors](https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/Consumer.aspx)
	+ [Help with CalVet claims](https://www.calvet.ca.gov/HomeLoans/Pages/How-to-submit-a-claim.aspx)
	+ On the phone: Call 1-800-927-4357 (HELP) or TTY: 1-800-482-4833 for assistance
	+ In-person: [insurance workshops](https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/140-catastrophes/LACs.cfm) offered on the weekends of January 18 and January 25

**Employment**

**If you can’t work**

You may not be able to work for many reasons. Here's how to receive wage replacement during this time. You may qualify for unemployment, disability, or Paid Family Leave benefits.

* [Unemployment](https://edd.ca.gov/en/unemployment/disaster_unemployment_assistance)
Apply if you lost your job or can’t work due to the fires.
* [Disability](https://edd.ca.gov/en/disability/disability_insurance/)
Apply if you were injured due to the fires and can’t work.
* [Paid Family Leave](https://edd.ca.gov/en/disability/paid-family-leave/)
Apply if you need time off to care for family and can’t work.

Learn about [Disaster Unemployment Assistance](https://edd.ca.gov/en/unemployment/Disaster_Unemployment_Assistance/) for the LA Fires.

**If you’re looking for new work**

Learn about resources to assist you in finding employment after the wildfire. You may qualify for job placement services, training programs, or other support through the EDD.

* [CalJOBS](https://www.caljobs.ca.gov/vosnet/default.aspx)
Apply for a new job on California’s online job exchange system
* [Jobs and training](https://edd.ca.gov/en/jobs/)
General support, referrals, and training to find a new job in California

**Taxes for individuals**

**Income taxes**

Individuals in Los Angeles County impacted by these fires: you may qualify for a postponement to file, and pay taxes until October 15, 2025.

* [Los Angeles County fires - 2024 taxable year disaster](https://www.ftb.ca.gov/file/when-to-file/los-angeles-county-fires.html)

**Property taxes**

State [property tax deadline extended](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/01/16/governor-newsom-extends-state-property-tax-deadlines-for-la-firestorm-communities-until-april-2026/) for people that live in communities impacted by the LA fires.

* Apply for property tax reassessment with the [Los Angeles County Assessor](https://assessor.lacounty.gov/tax-relief/disaster-relief)

**For small businesses**

**Find support and assistance for local business recovery**

* [Small business support](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance)
The Small Business Administration (SBA) provides a variety of resources to help small businesses and entrepreneurs including financing, training, and advocacy.
* [Apply for emergency and disaster assistance for employers](https://edd.ca.gov/en/payroll_taxes/emergency_and_disaster_assistance_for_employers)
The Employment Development Department (EDD) offers services to support employers impacted by disasters including disaster relief payments, request an extension for payment and payroll reports.

**Taxes for businesses**

**Business income taxes** (Franchise Tax Board)

Businesses impacted by the wildfires qualify for a postponement to file and pay income taxes until October 15, 2025. Only Los Angeles County was granted postponement. If the principal place of business is outside of Los Angeles County, you must file and pay by the normal due dates.

* [Los Angeles County fires - 2024 taxable year disaster](https://www.ftb.ca.gov/file/when-to-file/los-angeles-county-fires.html)

**Emergency sales tax or fee relief** (CA Department of Tax and Fee Administration)

Get relief from penalty, collection cost, and interest. You can also get copies of tax records and up to a 3- month filing extension on your tax returns.

* [Apply for emergency tax relief](https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/state-of-emergency-tax-relief.htm)

**Avoiding scams**

[Consumer protections against price gouging](https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-issues-consumer-alert-price-gouging-following-state-13) from the Office of Attorney General

**How you can help**

Thank you for donating your time or money. When deciding how to help, rely on trusted sources and beware of scams.

Volunteer opportunities: [California Volunteers](https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/wildfire-recovery/)

Safe ways to donate: [Philanthropy California](https://www.philanthropyca.org/2025-california-disaster-response)

**Major Disaster Declaration**

On January 8, California got a [Major Disaster Declaration](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20250109/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-approves-major-disaster-declaration-california) for the California wildfires. This lets federal agencies give aid and resources for recovery in the affected areas.

Through this declaration from President Biden, California gets assistance for:

* individuals,
* the public, and
* small businesses.