



City of Malibu News

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Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

Update: January 16, 2025, 1:00 PM

Current Fire Status (source: CalFire):

- **Size:** 23,713 acres
- **Containment:** 22%
- **Structures:** CalFire estimates approximately 5,000 structures damaged or destroyed. 2,869 structures confirmed destroyed and 508 damaged in **total effected area (Palisades and Malibu)**. Damage assessments continue to determine how many homes are part of the estimated damaged structures. These are approximate numbers, subject to change.
- **Damage Assessment:** Malibu Building inspectors are conducting rapid visual assessments; number of damaged/destroyed structures within City limits TBD. 35% of inspections complete. View map at <https://recovery.lacounty.gov/palisades-fire/>
- **Injuries:** 3* (Per CalFire Report)
- **Fatalities:** 3 in Malibu per LA County Medical Examiner News Release, 8 total (CalFire)
- **Missing:** 3 (LA County Sheriff)
- **Fire Limits:** At this time, the fire footprint has not grown within City limits, stopped at Franklin Fire burn scar. Extreme hazards remain within evacuation area.
- **Weather Conditions 1/16/25 12:57 PM (Source: NWS):**
 - 68 degrees, winds S to N at 10 MPH, with gusts up to 15 MPH.
 - Humidity of 15%. – Reported from the Topanga weather station
 - Air quality- good (0-50)

Malibu EOC public hotline support is available 7:30 AM- 6:30 PM at (310) 456-2489.

During this emergency response period, city operations are temporarily modified to prioritize public safety and critical infrastructure needs. Essential services will remain active, with key personnel continuing to address urgent matters while non-critical departments are not actively operating.

There will be an in-person community meeting today, January 16, 6:30 PM at 10400 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90024, hosted by CalFire. It will also be streamed on the [CalFire IMT2 YouTube Channel](#).

A Town Hall meeting for Malibu residents is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, at 6 p.m. at Malibu High School. The meeting will provide updates, answer questions, and share information about ongoing recovery efforts.

N95 masks will be available for community members at Bluffs Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 19th.

Information about Price Gouging

Price gouging during a state of emergency is illegal under Penal Code Section 396. Californians who believe they have been the victim of price gouging should report it to local authorities or to the Attorney General on the Office of Attorney General website. To view a list of all price gouging restrictions currently in effect as a result of proclamations by Governor Gavin Newsom, please visit the California's Office of Emergency Services website.

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/policy-administration/legal-affairs/price-gouging/>

Disaster Resource Center

The LA County Disaster Resource Center is available from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The City is actively participating in the Disaster Resource Center along with many partner agencies and aid organizations assist residents navigating the rebuilding process. Visit recovery.lacounty.gov for more information.

- **Location:**
 - UCLA Research Park West (formerly Westside Pavillion)
 - 10850 West Pico Blvd.
 - Los Angeles, CA 90064

The City is actively working to set up a Senior Resource Center in Agoura Hills to include mental health resources.

Resident Access / Escorts into Closed Areas:

LAPD and LASD have suspended all escorts due to victim recovery operations.

Trash Collection Services:

- **Universal Waste Systems (UWS)**
 - Resumed operations. To modify service, visit: <https://www.uwscompany.com/malibu/>
- **Waste Management (WM)**
 - Resumed normal operations

Mail (verified by EOC 1/16 1:00 PM)

If you are having trouble receiving your mail, please go to the USPS Heathercliff location at 29160 Heathercliff Road, Floor 1, Malibu, CA 90265. Valid photo ID required.

Local Grocery Store Status:

All locations on back-up generators, no access to natural gas

- Pavilions- Fully operational
- Vintage Grocers- Fully operational with hot food available
- Ralphs – Fully operational
- Whole Foods – operational

Fuel Availability:

- Operational stations:
 - Mobile at PCH and Las Flores
 - Shell at PCH and Cross Creek
 - Chevron at PCS and Webb Way
 - Sinclair at Coral and PCH
 - Speedway at Heathercliff and PCH
 - Chevron at Trancas and PCH

Insurance Resources (Source: insurance.ca.gov):

State of California Insurance Commissioner Lara also announced a free two-day insurance support workshops for walk-in appointments on:

**Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center East Wing –
1310 11th Street, Santa Monica, CA 91040
Saturday January 18, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 19, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Call 1-800-927-4357 to schedule an appointment to help survivors understand their insurance policies and the claims process, while also providing information about available resources for rebuilding and recovery. This workshop is open to all those impacted by the recent wildfires. **If** you're unable to attend one of the above workshop dates, please call 800-927-4357 to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Department of Insurance expert.

Mental Health Services for Palisades Fire:

The Malibu Boys and Girls Club is providing Mental Health Counseling Services, both in-person and via Zoom, with counseling available in English and Spanish. Please find the links below for the Emergency Intake Forms:

English: <https://bgcmalibu.formtitan.com/temporary-services>

Spanish: <https://bgcmalibu.formtitan.com/spanish-temporary-services>

Santa Monica - Malibu Unified School District

- Malibu schools will remain closed for the remainder of the week, with the goal to reopen Tuesday, January 21 for all Malibu schools.

The Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club and YMCA will be open for childcare support, providing locations to local families from Santa Monica and Malibu. Locations are available in Culver City, Oxnard and Canoga Park.

Healthcare:

- Malibu Urgent Care: Open
- Malibu Animal Hospital: Open
- Malibu Vet Clinic: Open
- UCLA Health is closed

Utility Updates:

Southern California Edison (SCE):

All circuits have been re-energized with the exception of those listed below due to a Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS)

- Nicholas
- Note: portions of certain circuits may have different status. Refer to [SCE.com outage map](#).

EV Charging available in Civic Center area

Southern California Gas (SoCalGas):

- SoCalGas continues to restore service to homes that have not been directly affected by the Palisades fire. Workers today have restored natural gas service to an additional 601 customers in the northwest areas of Malibu, bringing the total number of restored customers to 2,256.
- SoCalGas representatives will be staffing a community information booth from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Pavilions located at 29211 Heathercliff Road in Malibu. There customers can get information about restoration efforts, accounts and billing
- **Customer Guidance:**
 - Customers should not attempt to restore gas service on their own. SoCalGas crews will assist with service restorations.
 - **Restoring service requires an in-home safety check**, and an adult must be present. Please allow access to SoCalGas personnel to gas meters to expedite the restoration of gas service.
 - For more information or to report a gas leak, contact SoCalGas at **1-800-427-2200**, available 24/7.

Telecommunications:

T-Mobile: 8 towers operating. Working on 4 being assessed for damage. 1 COW at Malibu High and Middle School. 1 COW being deployed at Malibu Elementary School, Charging Station at Bluffs Park. T-Mobile has full coverage in the west side of Malibu (west of Nobu).

AT&T: SatCole and generators stationed at Zuma and Will Rogers State Park for emergency personnel use only 1/8. All major network facilities remain online with some running backup power. Mobility teams continue to dispatch where it is safe to do so; however, fire areas and evacuation zones will not be accessible until conditions improve. Mobile communication center planned to be placed at Bluffs Park.

Verizon: Generators on cell towers at Civic Center. Community mobile trailer at Ralphs with public charging, Wi-Fi and access to TVs.

Spectrum: Internet service restored in non-affected areas West of Malibu Canyon.

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Community Charging Stations and WiFi:

AT&T has partnered with Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC), a national disaster recovery nonprofit, to develop and deploy a Mobile Connectivity Center (MCC). This 48-foot trailer is equipped with devices and wireless internet connectivity. With 16 workstations, room for 20 people, air conditioning and heating. The MCC is deployed and accessible at Malibu Bluffs Park (24250 Pacific Coast Highway) daily depending on demand.

T-Mobile Charging Stations for cell phones and small devices are available at Malibu Bluffs Park and Pavilions on Point Dume.

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EOC has tentative plans to deploy Wi-Fi trucks to Trancas Country Market, Malibu Elementary, Malibu High School and Malibu Bluffs Skate Park. Exact timing TBD.

A Mobile Charging Station for cell phones and small devices will be available in Malibu Bluffs Park and Pavilions on Point Dume. Please adhere to curfew restrictions 6:00 PM- 6:00 AM

Do Not Drink Water Advisory: The Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 (LACWD) and the State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water have issued a mandatory DO NOT DRINK ORDER for the eastern portion of the City of Malibu up to and including Carbon Canyon and the community of Saddle Peak in Topanga due to potential of fire-related contaminants that may have entered the water system. Affected customers are urged not to drink or cook with the tap water until further notice.

Water available at 23533 West Civic Center Way, Malibu CA 90265, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

For more information, call LACWD customer service at (800) 675-4357 or the State Water Resources Control Board at (818) 551-2004 (business hours) or (213) 210-7100 (after hours).

Traffic Signal Status:

Drivers are urged to treat any dark signals as four-way stops and proceed with caution.

Road Closures (Hard Closures):

- PCH & Entrada – Westbound
- Mulholland/ Las Virgenes – Eastbound
- Topanga/Mulholland – Southbound
- Old Topanga/Mulholland – Southbound
- Mulholland/Stunt – Southbound
- Malibu Canyon/Piuma – Southbound
- Piuma/Woodbluffs – Southbound
- PCH/Sweetwater Canyon Drive - Eastbound
- Malibu Canyon/Potter – Southbound
- PCH/Coastline – Westbound
- Adamsville Avenue/Summit to Summit Motorway - Southbound

Drivers should avoid these areas and follow detour signage.

Evacuation Zones:

Current Malibu Zones Under Evacuation Orders:

MAL-C11-A	Carbon Canyon, Carbon Beach East, La Costa Beach, La Costa (hillside), Las Flores Creek	EVACUATION ORDER
MAL-C111-B	Las Flores Mesa, Eastern Malibu, Big Rock, Las Tunas Beach, Topanga Beach Road	EVACUATION ORDER
MAL-C112-B	Carbon Beach Terrace, Carbon Beach	EVACUATION ORDER
MAL-C112-A:	Carbon Beach West/Malibu Beach; Sweetwater Canyon; Sweetwater Mesa; Serra Retreat; Malibu Creek; Cross Creek; Malibu Colony; Civic Center; Malibu Knolls; Malibu Road, Malibu Country Estates; Puerco Canyon	EVACUATION WARNING

Neighboring Community Evacuations:

- **Evacuation Orders:**
DRY-U026-A, LOS-Q0767, MTN-U028, RMB-U030-A/E, RRC-U027, SDP-U029, SSM-U010-A/B, TOP-U001–TOP-U009
- **Evacuation Warnings:**
CAL-C405 through CAL-C415, DRY-U026/B, MCR-U021-A, RMB-U030-C, SAN-Q1395-A/B,SAN-Q1395-B, SAN-Q1396-B,

For more information regarding evacuation zones visit: <https://protect.genasys.com/search>

Shelters:

CAL-OES is updating a list of shelters available for people displaced by the Southern California wildfires:

<https://news.caloes.ca.gov/shelters-available-for-communities-impacted-by-wildfires-in-southern-california-4/>

Repopulation: No repopulations efforts are expected to be scheduled for at least the next 72 hours.

Crime: The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is firmly enforcing mandatory evacuations orders. A misdemeanor will be issued to anyone found in an area that is subject to an evacuation order. Sheriff's Crime Suppression Unit is conducting active patrols in all evacuation areas.

Curfew in Effect: Currently the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is now enforcing a curfew that began at 6:00 pm and will continue to 6:00 am curfew in evacuation zones. Currently no persons, including residents, are being allowed to re-enter the mandatory evacuation zones.

Drone Use

Temporary flight restriction still in effect. Drones cannot operate for any reason including damage assessment flights.

Animals

To locate animals lost or missing in the evacuation area, call (213) 270-8155

Veterinarians:

Malibu Coast Animal Hospital is open (23431 Pacific Coast Highway)

Malibu Vet Clinic: Open

Large Animal Shelters:

1. Los Angeles Equestrian Center
480 W Riverside Dr, Burbank, CA 91506
2. Industry Hills Expo
16200 Temple Ave, City of Industry, CA 91744
3. Pomona Fairplex
1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA 91768
4. Pierce College Equestrian Center is at capacity

Small Animal Shelters:

1. Agoura Animal Care Center
29525 Agoura Rd, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
2. Pasadena Humane Society
361 S Raymond Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105

Donations for Those Impacted by the Fire:

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu has established an emergency relief fund to help those impacted by this disaster, at donate.onecause.com/bgcmalibu/donate. The public is asked to direct donations here, and not to bring donations of food, clothing, etc. to the fire zone.

Additional donation opportunities:

- California Community Foundation <https://www.calfund.org/>
 - Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation <https://supportlafd.org/>
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City Updates:

- **City Hall:** Closed.
- **Programs:** All City programs are canceled.

Key Messages for Residents:

1. Evacuate When Ordered:

- Evacuation orders save lives. If you are told to leave, do so immediately.
- Close all windows and doors, move flammable items away from your home, and leave doors **unlocked** for firefighter access.
- **No person is authorized within the evacuation zone, including insurance representatives, contractors, debris removal contractors. This area has active hazards and is only available to public safety officials.**

2. Stay Informed:

- Power outages are affecting alert systems. Residents must tune into **KBUU 99.1 FM** for real-time updates.
- Check official resources:
 - **LA County Emergency Information:** <https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>
 - **CAL FIRE:** <https://fire.ca.gov>
 - **Malibu City Updates:** <https://malibucity.org/PalisadesFire>
 - **Watch Duty:** <https://app.watchduty.org/>
 - **Evacuation Information:** <https://protect.genasys.com/search>
 - **State of California:** CA.gov/LAfires
 - **LA County Recovers:** <https://recovery.lacounty.gov>

3. City Hotline for Assistance:

- For more information, call the **City of Malibu Emergency Hotline** at **310-456-2489**.
(7:30am – 6:30 pm)

4. SoCalGas Support:

- For gas-related concerns or to report a gas leak, call **1-800-427-2200** (available 24/7).

5. Hotel Information

Check with your insurance company to determine if they will help cover costs.

Airbnb.org is providing free, emergency housing for people who have been displaced by the Los Angeles wildfires. You can get help – or provide help – at [Airbnb.org/lawildfires](https://www.airbnb.org/lawildfires). (Source: Watch Duty)

Resources for Residents:

- Red Cross: [redcross.org/gethelp](https://www.redcross.org/gethelp)
- [FEMA Federal assistance for fire victims](https://www.fema.gov/federal-assistance)
- 211LA.org <https://211la.org/>
- Emergency Network Los Angeles <https://enla.org/>
- 211LA.org - mental health, human and social services
- Temporary Housing - 211LA.org (however, when searching this webpage using keyword "housing" it provides links to homeless shelters, crisis shelters, etc.)
- <https://211la.org/resources/subcategory/housing>

Volunteer opportunities:

- Emergency Network Los Angeles: <https://enla.org/>

Additional Notes:

The City of Malibu urges all residents to stay informed through official updates and prioritize their safety. We thank our first responders and community members for their cooperation during this challenging time.

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NOTE FOR THE MEDIA: During the current emergency incident members of the media can reach the City of Malibu's on-shift Public Information Officer for media requests at 310-456-2489, x333 or PIO@malibucity.org.