



# City of Malibu News

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## Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

**Update: January 26, 2025, 11:00 AM**

In anticipation of the ongoing rain event, Malibu Public Works has been actively repairing damaged retaining walls and strategically placing K-rail barriers and sandbags in and around neighborhoods affected by the Palisades Fire. Crews will be on-site around the clock to clear debris from roadways and ensure public safety.

### Phishing Scam Alert

Residents may have received an email from someone posing as a Malibu Councilmember asking for donations. **This is a scam.** Do not provide personal information or send money in response to unsolicited requests. Scammers often create emails and websites that look legitimate.

Stay vigilant and report suspicious activity to LA County Sheriff at (818) 878-1808.

### Current Weather Forecasts 1/26/25 (Source: NWS)

#### Weekend Rain Forecast

- A 50% chance of showers is expected after 10:00 AM Saturday, January 25, with mostly cloudy skies and light rainfall of less than a tenth of an inch. By Saturday night, steady rain will develop, bringing 90% precipitation chances and up to half an inch of rain. Sunday will see heavy rain and possible thunderstorms, continuing into the night. Rain is likely to persist into Monday with a 70% chance of precipitation, keeping conditions wet and mostly cloudy.
- The National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the Palisades burn scar area, which includes portions of Malibu city and the Malibu coast. The Flood Watch is in effect beginning **10:00 AM Sunday, January 26 through 4:00 PM Monday, January 27.** Heavy rain over the burn scars could trigger debris flows. Residents in or near the FRANKLIN and PALISADES burn scars should monitor later forecasts and be alert for Flood Warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to act.
- Residents in and around the Franklin and Palisades Fire burn areas should prepare now to protect their home. General Fire Disaster Information, tips on mudflow protection and sandbag distribution locations, <https://pw.lacounty.gov/explore-public-works/fire-disaster-information/>. Current Malibu locations:
  - La Costa Post Office parking lot, 21229 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu 90265 (Pre-filled bags and empty bags only)
  - Fire Station #70, 3970 Carbon Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265 (empty bags)
  - Fire Station #88, 23720 Malibu Rd, Malibu, CA 90265 (empty bags)

**Repopulation:** (source: Genasys & LASD)

Malibu mandatory evacuation zones MAL-C111-A, MAL-C111-B, and MAL-C112-B zones are open for **RESIDENT-ONLY ACCESS**: Newly repopulated residents need to check in at the gravel lot in front of 23805 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu CA 90265. CERT, County, and American Red Cross resources are on-site 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM. **Escorts no longer required.** Residents must provide proof of residency to include a photo ID that displays the resident's name, photo, and physical address. Please have these documents ready to ensure a smooth verification process.

On the days following repopulation, residents in the previously opened zones will be permitted to enter at the checkpoint 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **Curfew hours remain in effect.**

Department of Public Health staff is distributing health access kits to residents at the Malibu Pier Parking Lot.

| Zone       | Neighborhood                                                                            | Status                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| MAL-C111-B | Las Flores Mesa, Eastern Malibu, Big Rock, Las Tunas Beach, Topanga Beach Road          | <b>EVACUATION ORDER - RESIDENTS ONLY</b> |
| MAL-C111-A | Carbon Canyon, Carbon Beach East, La Costa Beach, La Costa (hillside), Las Flores Creek | <b>EVACUATION ORDER - RESIDENTS ONLY</b> |
| MAL-C112-B | Carbon Beach Terrace, Carbon Beach                                                      | <b>EVACUATION ORDER - RESIDENTS ONLY</b> |

Malibu residents should travel from the north, using Kanan Dume Road or Malibu Canyon Road to get into the city and check in at the Malibu Pier. Avoid using Las Flores Canyon Road as traffic control points are in place with no access for residents.

Pacific Coast Highway between Topanga Beach and Santa Monica is only open to Los Angeles City residents entering the Pacific Palisades evacuation zones. Los Angeles Police Department is conducting escorts to those residents between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Topanga Canyon Blvd. between Grand View Drive and Pacific Coast Highway will remain closed and inaccessible until further notice.

### How to Prepare

As evacuated areas are opened and community members can return, doing so safely is important. Malibu residents can take steps now to prepare to go back into evacuated areas.

### Check the status of your site:

- CAL Fire and the City of Malibu have conducted Damage Inspections (DINS) in wildfire-affected areas.
- Check the preliminary damage assessment map at [recovery.lacounty.gov/palisades-fire](https://recovery.lacounty.gov/palisades-fire) to view the status of your property. Updates to this map occur daily.
- Color-labels categorize the damage level to each structure:

- Red: Structure Destroyed (>50%)
- Orange: Major damage (26-50%)
- Yellow: Minor damage (10-25%)
- Green: Structure Affected (1-9%)
- Gray: Inaccessible
- Black: No Damage to structure
- Contact Building Safety staff with questions about your property inspection notice: [maliburecovers@malibucity.org](mailto:maliburecovers@malibucity.org) or call 310-456-2489, ext. 390

#### **Precautions for Health and Safety:**

- Enter the reopened area during daylight hours. Areas without power will be dark, creating unsafe driving and walking environments.
- Be sure to wear protective gear, such as long-sleeved shirts and long pants, gloves, and sturdy shoes, to reduce exposure to hazardous materials.
- Wear N95 masks and goggles during cleanup to protect against airborne particles. These will be available at traffic control points.

#### **When at your site:**

- Avoid activities that disturb ash, such as using leaf blowers; instead, opt for gentle wet mopping or HEPA-filter vacuums.
- Be cautious of displaced utility lines and damaged infrastructure. Keep away if you encounter any downed power line; call the Southern California Edison: 800-611-1911.
- Use bottled water in areas under a "Do Not Drink" advisory.
- Use this time to take videos and photos of your property for any insurance claims.

#### **Things to Consider**

- **Infrastructure Impacts:**
  - Communities devastated by these fires may not have utilities available, even if your property is not damaged. Due to the widespread damage, it was imperative to deactivate electricity and gas services to avoid further damage.
  - Be prepared for extended and potentially intermittent outages throughout these extreme conditions.
- **Water System – Do Not Drink Notice**
  - Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29 has issued a Do Not Drink Notice for the eastern portion of Malibu up to and including Carbon Canyon and the community of Saddle Peak in Topanga due to potential fire-related contaminants in the water system.
  - **Bottled Water Distribution:**
    - 23533 West Civic Center Way, Malibu, CA 90265
    - Hours: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Trash/Waste Information:**

- Burned Debris Exclusion: Burn debris cannot be placed in any trash containers. Specialized procedures are required for its safe disposal to protect public health and the environment. LA County is working with the city on a debris removal plan. For questions, please contact the Debris Removal Hotline at (844) FIRE DEBRIS / (844) 347-3332, available Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 7 PM, Saturday from 8 AM to 6 PM, and closed on Sundays and holidays.
- Universal Waste Systems will provide daily trash collection services in all accessible areas within the Malibu Garbage Disposal District through Friday, January 24, 2025. Updates will be provided on next week's service plan after further coordination with UWS on Friday.
- All household trash and food waste can be placed in any available containers. UWS will sort the materials at their facility.
- Boxes and non-hazardous items left at the curb will also be collected. If it's at the curb, UWS will pick it up.
- Residents are asked to place their trash carts and green waste at the end of their driveways for collection.
- Green waste, such as vegetation and yard debris, can be placed at the end of the driveway for pickup.
- If additional carts are needed, contact UWS directly at 800-630-7016 for assistance.

**Upcoming Events:****Palisades Fire Debris Removal Town Hall**

The Debris Removal Town Hall is **Sunday, January 26, at 3:00 PM** at the Student Services Center at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

This town hall is for residents of communities affected by the Palisades Fire to ask questions specific to debris removal and this initial phase of recovery.

**Senior Technology Resource Center**

Malibu Senior Center staff will be available **Tuesday, January 28, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

to offer technology assistance for seniors recovering from the Palisades Fire. LA County Department of Mental Health personnel will offer counseling and mental health services.

Agoura Hills Recreation and Event Center, Classroom A,  
29900 Ladyface Ct, Agoura Hills, CA 91301

**Disaster Recovery Center**

The LA County Disaster Recovery Center is available daily from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The City is actively participating along with many partner agencies and aid organizations assist residents navigating the rebuilding process. Visit [recovery.lacounty.gov](https://recovery.lacounty.gov) for information.

UCLA Research Park West (formerly Westside Pavilion)  
10850 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064

**Current Fire Status 1/26/25 (source: CalFire):**

- **Size:** 23,448 acres
- **Containment:** 87%
- **Structures:** CalFire confirmed 6,834 structures destroyed and 1,016 damaged in total affected area (Palisades and Malibu). City number: TBD. View damage assessment map at <https://recovery.lacounty.gov/palisades-fire/>

**Traffic Signal Status:** All signals operational within Malibu City limits. Drivers are urged to treat any dark/flashing signals as four-way stops and proceed with caution. Current traffic signals impacted:

- PCH/Morning View

**Road Closures (Source: Incident Command)**

Portions of Pacific Coast Highway, between Coastline Drive and Entrada Drive remains closed as the area is still under mandatory evacuation order. Updates will follow when traffic is allowed back on PCH. Drivers should avoid these areas and follow detour signage.

**Closures (Residents only – no access during nighttime curfew hours)**

- Stunt/Saddlepeak
- Puma/Woodbluffs - Southbound
- PCH at Coastline Drive
- 22506 block of PCH (near Sweetwater) (Zones C112B, C111A, C111B)

**Closures (Emergency personnel only and utility service providers only – no contractors)**

- PCH/Entrada - Westbound (Pacific Palisades)
- Topanga Canyon Blvd. between Grand View Drive and PCH will remain closed and inaccessible until further notice.

- **Rain Closure**

Malibu Canyon from Francisco Ranch Rd. to Puma Road  
(Sunday 1/26 5:00 PM through Monday 1/27 5:00 PM)

**Resources Sites for Residents:**

- **LA County Recovery for Malibu Residents:** <https://recovery.lacounty.gov/malibu-fire-recovery-information-resources/>
- **Malibu City Updates and Resources:** <https://malibucity.org/PalisadesFire>

**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. We're here to support every step of your recovery and rebuilding journey.

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City of Malibu Emergency Operations Center

**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](mailto:PIO@malibucity.org).