



# City of Malibu News

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## Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

**Update: January 27, 2025, 12:00 PM**

**Note: beginning today, Public Information Guides will be sent once per day at 12 PM.**

For rebuilding information, please subscribe to [MalibuCity.org/RebuildUpdates](http://MalibuCity.org/RebuildUpdates). This e-notification system is designed to keep you informed about the latest updates, resources, and events related to recovery and rebuilding efforts following the Palisades Fire. Our goal is to provide timely and accurate information to help streamline your rebuilding process and support our community through recovery. You'll receive notifications about upcoming meetings, important deadlines, available resources, and other vital updates.

**Malibu City Hall is open by appointment only. Please see the below contact information to make an appointment:**

For appointments to address minor exterior damages from the recent Broad, Franklin, and Palisades Fires, please request an appointment by calling (310) 456-2489 ext. 390 or email [MalibuRecovers@malibucity.org](mailto:MalibuRecovers@malibucity.org). These appointments are a joint effort by the Planning and Environmental Sustainable Department to address your concerns in one appointment

For other recovery-related questions, call (310) 774-5227

- Environmental Sustainability Department (including Building Safety, Environmental Health, Geology and Coastal Engineering): Call 310-456-2489, ext. 390 or email [MBuilding@malibucity.org](mailto:MBuilding@malibucity.org)
- Planning Department: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 485 or email [MPlanning@malibucity.org](mailto:MPlanning@malibucity.org)
- Public Works Department: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 391 or email [MPublicWorks@malibucity.org](mailto:MPublicWorks@malibucity.org)
- Community Services: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 349 or email [CommunityServicesDepartment@malibucity.org](mailto:CommunityServicesDepartment@malibucity.org)
- All other City business: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 392 or email [Info@malibucity.org](mailto:Info@malibucity.org)

### 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 1/27/25 (Source: NWS)

January 27, 2025

A 20 percent chance of showers before 10 AM. Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the morning. In the evening - Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

January 28, 2025

Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph. In the evening - Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening.

- 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)

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.

### **Ocean Water Quality Rain Advisory for All Los Angeles County Beaches - Advisory for all Los Angeles County Beaches in Effect until 8:00 am, Thursday, January 30, 2025**

Due to current rainfall, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health advises beach users to avoid all water contact, especially near discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers due to potentially higher bacteria levels in these areas. This includes any runoff that may flow onto or pond on the beach sand.

The ocean water quality rain advisory will be in effect until 8:00 am, Thursday, January 30, 2025. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

Once the rain advisory is lifted, the ocean water advisory for Surfrider Beach to Dockweiler State Beach at World Way will remain due to fire debris runoff, which may contain substances including arsenic, other metals, and asbestos, which can be harmful to health. This includes any runoff that may flow onto or pond on the beach sand.

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24- hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800- 525-5662. To view map of impacted locations and for more information please visit: [PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach/](http://PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach/).

**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:** When approaching the roadblock, residents must provide proof of residency. Acceptable forms of identification are 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:

#### City Council Meeting

The Malibu City Council will meet tomorrow, **Monday January 27, at 5:30 PM** at Malibu City Hall. At the upcoming January 27 City Council meeting, the Council will consider key actions to support recovery efforts, such as Amendments to the Local Coastal Program (LCP) and Municipal Code and the Formation of a Palisades Fire Ad Hoc Committee.

The proposed changes aim to simplify the LCP and expedite the rebuilding process for structures damaged or destroyed by the Palisades Fire, and prior fires including the Broad Fire and Franklin Fire. The proposed changes include streamlining permits for the replacement of in-kind rebuilding with a 10% size increase, addressing flood zone and geologic hazard requirements, and aligning local regulations with the Governor's Executive Order to ensure compliance and speed up the process.

A temporary committee, if established, will represent the City at recovery-related events and meetings, provide timely input to staff, and recommend necessary actions to the full Council. This approach ensures greater flexibility and responsiveness to the evolving needs of the community.

The City Hall Theater has a capacity of 180 seats, for those who cannot attend in person, a livestream and Zoom participation is available below.

View the agenda at [MalibuCity.org/AgendaCenter](https://MalibuCity.org/AgendaCenter)

The meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMalibu>  
Zoom participation is available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86404305139>

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY DURING THE MEETING:** Members of the public may speak during the meeting in-person or through the Zoom application. In order to participate remotely, you must be present in the Zoom Webinar during the item that you would like to speak on and use the Raise Hand feature to request to speak when the Mayor calls the item. When you join the Zoom Webinar you may see a pop-up asking you to enter an email address, but a valid email address is not required. Be advised that those participating via Zoom do so at their own risk; remote participants should not expect the meeting to be cancelled or continued due to the inability of some members of the public to access the remote meeting.

### **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 1/27/25 (source: CalFire):**

- **Size:** 23,448 acres
- **Containment:** 94%
- **Structures:** CalFire confirmed **6,837 structures destroyed and 1,017 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.

### **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
- Piuma/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.

**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

**by:**

**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).