



City of Malibu News

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Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

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For rebuilding information, please subscribe to 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. These appointments are a joint effort by the Planning and Environmental Sustainability Departments 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
- Planning Department: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 485 or email MPlanning@malibucity.org
- Public Works Department: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 391 or email MPublicWorks@malibucity.org
- Community Services: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 349 or email CommunityServicesDepartment@malibucity.org
- All other City business: Call 310-456-2489, ext. 392 or email 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 1/28/25 (Source: NWS)

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 rain events, 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 Closure Due to Fire Debris Runoff

Due to recent rainfall and the increase in fire debris along these ocean waters, an Ocean Water Closure has been declared for Las Flores State Beach to Santa Monica State Beach. Fire debris runoff and pollutants in the water and on the sand may contain toxic or carcinogenic chemicals. The closure will remain in effect until further notice. Beach users are cautioned to avoid water and sand contact. Ocean Water Quality Rain Advisory – through Thursday, January 30, 2025. The Ocean Water Quality Rain Advisory declared on January 26, 2025, will remain in effect at least until 8:00 am, Thursday, January 30, 2025, for all other Los Angeles County beaches. Beach users are cautioned to avoid water contact for at least 72 hours after significant rainfall. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall. Ocean Water Quality Advisory Due to Fire Debris Updated Locations – Extends beyond January 30, 2025. Once the rain advisory is lifted, the ocean water advisory for Surfrider Beach to Las Flores State Beach and Santa Monica State Beach to Dockweiler State Beach at World Way will remain in effect due to fire debris runoff, which may contain toxic or carcinogenic chemicals, which can be harmful to health. This includes any runoff that may flow onto or pond on the beach sand. Beach users are advised to stay away from any fire debris on the beach. This information is also posted on the advisory hotline at 800-525-5662 and on the Environmental Health website; www.PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/beach. If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 430-5360.

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 and an access pass.** 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.

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

Access Along PCH for residents in the fire affected areas

Access along PCH in the fire affected areas will be limited to verified residents (**those impacted by the Palisades Fire**) and essential contractors only. Residents need to go to Malibu City Hall – Lower Parking Lot (23825 Stuart Ranch Road) between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. starting Tuesday, January 28, to obtain a “Resident Only” pass. Residents need to provide valid ID or proof of residency (i.e. utility bill or lease agreement showing an address in the affected area).

If you are an affected resident and traveling from the LA/Santa Monica area to Malibu along PCH, you will not be able to access PCH from the east side without the pass. Once a pass is obtained from LASD, LAPD will honor the pass in their jurisdiction on PCH. Dolphin stickers will not be accepted due to the fire only affecting the eastern portion of Malibu. You must obtain a pass.

Contractors/Essential personnel need to go to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station (27050 Agoura, Calabasas) between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to obtain an “Essential Contractors” pass. Contractors/Essential personnel need to provide valid ID and bring documentation (i.e. work invoice or contract from resident) showing that they are serving a resident in the affected areas. We vet the information with the resident. Essential traffic only - expect significant delays. Potential temporary closures due to repair work in the area.

Malibu residents should travel from the north, using Kanan Dume Road or Malibu Canyon Road to get into the city to pick up an access pass initially. Avoid using Las Flores Canyon Road as traffic control points are in place with no access for residents.

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 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 or call 310-456-2489, ext. 390

Precautions for Health and Safety:

- Wear respiratory protection (N-95 or P-100 masks) when entering the burn area to reduce exposure to ash. Think of ash like fine, dangerous dust that can be inhaled deep into the lungs and can cause major problems everywhere it lands. It's not just dirt.
- N-95 masks should be properly fitted, with no gaps around the edges. The mask must cover both the nose and mouth to help prevent you from breathing in dust and ash. An improperly fitted mask is the same as wearing no mask at all.
- IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Follow label instructions on package for proper use. N-95 or P-100 masks may make it harder to breath, especially for those with lung or heart disease.
 - Lingering smoke and fire ash can worsen a person's respiratory or heart issues. Smoke can irritate the skin, nose, throat, lungs, and eyes, and cause coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing. These symptoms may be significant depending on the type of soot/ash, amount of exposure, and underlying respiratory and heart conditions. Pay attention to how you are feeling.
- <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/safety/returning-home-after-fire.htm>

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 – Cancellation of Unsafe Water Alert

- On January 10th, 2025, customers of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, in the eastern portion of the City of Malibu up to and including Carbon Canyon and

the community of Saddle Peak in Topanga, were notified to not use the tap water for drinking or cooking purposes.

- After extensive testing confirming safe drinking water quality, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, in conjunction with the State Water Resources Control Board, has determined that, through abatement of the health hazard, your water is safe to drink.
- Prior to using water in your home or business, turn on all outdoor hose spigots for at least 5 minutes each or longer until the water is clear. Afterwards, turn on all interior faucets, including sink faucets, showers, tubs, etc. Run water for both cold and hot for at least 5 minutes each or longer until the water is clear. This process should remove any sediment or discoloration that may be in the water.
- Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29: (800) 675-4357
- State Water Resources Control Board District Office: (818) 551-2004 (8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday except holidays), (213) 210-7100 (After hours)

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.

Private Property Debris Removal Information

Los Angeles County is dedicated to restoring our communities swiftly and safely after the recent wildfires. The debris removal process is divided into two main phases, each managed by different

agencies. Residents have the option to participate in the government-run program or manage the cleanup independently by opting out. This is a free program, however, there are insurance considerations to make. Residents are encouraged to communicate with their insurance providers when making a decision.

How to Opt-In for debris removal:

Step 1: Complete and submit the Right of Entry (ROE) form and authorize the government to manage debris removal on your property.

Release Date: January 28, 2025

Closure Date: March 31, 2025

What Opting In Entails: By opting in, you authorize the government to perform the following activities on your property:

1. **Property Assessment:** Identify site hazards, hazardous trees, environmental resources, and asbestos-containing materials.
2. **Asbestos Removal:** Safely remove asbestos-containing materials if required.
3. **Tree Removal:** Remove fire or wind-damaged trees assessed as hazardous and other trees that impact public areas or debris removal access.
4. **Ash and Soil Removal:** Remove surface ash, including up to 6 inches of incidental soil.
5. **Burned Debris Removal:** Remove burned home remains, furniture, personal belongings, appliances, and patio furniture.
6. **Structural Demolition:** Demolish clearly destroyed structures.
7. **Vehicle Removal:** Remove damaged and destroyed vehicles, vessels, and other titled property.
8. **Erosion Control:** Install erosion control measures such as straw wattles, compost socks, and hydromulch.
9. **Environmental Monitoring:** Conduct tribal, archaeological, and biological monitoring for environmental and historical preservation.

Potential Foundation Removal:

- a. **Your Choice:** When you opt into the debris removal program, you will need to decide whether you want the government to remove your property's foundation or leave it in place.
- b. **Property Assessment:** A site visit will be conducted to evaluate your foundation and discuss the best option for your property with you before any debris removal begins.

How to Opt-Out of Debris Removal:

- **Step 1:** Fill out an opt-out form.
- **Step 2:** Apply for a **Permit** from the County in **EPIC-LA** to handle debris removal on your own after you receive EPA certification of phase 1 completion for your property.

- **Step 3:** The County will review your application and your contractor's work plan to ensure compliance with safety and environmental standards.
 - You will be required to meet all the same requirements as USACE.
 - Once approved, you can begin to manage the debris removal independently.
- **Costs:** You will be responsible for any costs of the removal that exceed your insurance settlement amount for debris removal.

Opt In Form: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1176418_Opt-InForm.pdf

Opt Out Form: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1176419_Opt-OutForm.pdf

Questions regarding the debris removal process?

LA County Public Works Fire Debris Hotline: 844-347-3332

EPA Hotline: 1-833-798-7372

Email PalisadesFire@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Upcoming Events:

Community Meeting Hosted by the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office

This briefing will provide updates on reentry and public safety with an emphasis on the debris removal process. This will include a detailed overview of the right-of-entry (ROE) forms and the opt-out process for residents.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 5:00 PM

Webinar Registration:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9-dk_Ev7TpGLDqNd5BQ6kg#/registration

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 for information.

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

FEMA Assistance in Malibu

Residents may visit the Mobil Registration Intake Center at Malibu Library for assistance with providing on-site guidance to survivors about the application process, and an overview of FEMA disaster assistance. Reviewing survivors' applications, providing basic information about

application status and other eligible assistance, and collecting new information or documents for case files. Including information on reimbursements and temporary shelter placement

Malibu Library - 23519 West Civic Center Way
Tuesday - Thursday 10 am - 5 pm
Friday 11 am - 5 pm

Current Fire Status 1/27/25 (source: CalFire):

- **Size:** 23,448 acres
- **Containment:** 95%
- **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>
- **Metro Reduced Fares** - This application will enroll you in a reduced fare program offering free unlimited rides for 90 days and an additional 20 free rides each month for three months. This pass is good on Metro and participating transit agencies. These benefits will expire 6 months after enrollment. <https://www.taptogo.net/wildfireresponse>.
- **Red Cross Wildfire Assistance**
 - Get help: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help.html>

- Financial Services: <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/wildfire-relief/california-wildfires-financial-assistance.html>

Resources for Businesses:

- **U.S. Small Business Administration** - <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/economic-injury-disaster-loans>
- **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund** - <https://web.cvent.com/event/f7554367-b3c5-4084-aafd-f3ff6b6500c5/regProcessStep1>
- **LA County Department of Economic Opportunity** - <https://opportunity.lacounty.gov/how-we-help/emergency-resources/>

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.

Prepared by:

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.