



City of Malibu News

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Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

Update: February 3, 2025, 2:00 PM

The City of Malibu has resumed regular business hours. Counters will remain available by appointment only to ensure we provide personalized service. The [Development Portal](#) is available Monday through Friday. For the latest information, visit <https://malibucity.org/Palisades-Fire>. An updated recovery website to be released soon.

<p style="text-align: center;">City Hall Contact Information</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and Biology: Call (310) 456-2489, ext. 485 or email MPlanning@malibucity.org • Appeals and Planning Time Extensions – To file an appeal of a Planning Director’s or Planning Commission’s action or to file an extension for a Planning Department approval, please contact the Planning Department at MPlanning@malibucity.org or call (310) 456-2489, ext. 485 • 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 • Public Safety Department: Call (310) 456-2489, ext. 313 or email PublicSafetyDepartment@malibucity.org • All other City business: Call (310) 456-2489, ext. 392 or email Info@malibucity.org
<p>Current Fire Status (Source CalFire)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 23,448 acres • Containment: 100%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structures: CalFire confirmed 6,837 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/
<p>Weather Report (Source NWS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain in the morning, then a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs around 60. Chance of precipitation 40%. Tuesday Night - Mostly cloudy with rain developing Chance of precipitation is 90%. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds around 15 mph after midnight. • Wednesday - Rain in the morning, Chance of precipitation is 90%. Highs around 60. South winds around 15 mph. Wednesday Night - Rain likely in the evening, then a chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of precipitation 60%.
<p>Flood and Erosion Mitigation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 are available. • Sandbag Locator: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags/
<p>Ocean Water Closure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean water quality results from January 31, 2025, and February 1, 2025, indicated that bacterial levels met health standards. Therefore, the ocean water closure for the following area has been lifted: From Encinal Canyon to 31250 Broad Beach Rd., in Malibu. • OCEAN WATER CLOSURE AND ADVISORY DUE TO FIRE IMPACTS REMAIN • An ocean water closure and advisory due to fire related impacts have been issued for the following ocean and bay areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ocean water closure from Las Flores State Beach to Santa Monica State Beach. • An ocean water advisory from Surfrider Beach to Las Flores State Beach and from Santa Monica State Beach to Dockweiler State Beach at World Way. • These remain in effect until further notice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">SoCalGas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SoCalGas continues to restore service in the northwest areas of Malibu beyond Pepperdine University. • Customer restoration is complete in all areas of Malibu, west of Carbon Canyon. If your home requires restoration of natural gas service, please contact SoCalGas’ customer call center at (800) 427-2200 to schedule an appointment. • For the latest updates, please visit socalgas.com/Fires • Customers who have had their natural gas service temporarily turned off for safety reasons will not be billed for service during this temporary outage. For more information, please visit socalgas.com/EDR
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are advised to avoid attempting to clean up fire debris – i.e., damaged structures, furniture, personal belongings, vehicles, vegetation, or other items that have been burned by the wildfires. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) and the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD), issued orders prohibiting the unsafe removal, transport, and disposal of fire debris. These orders aim to safeguard public health and safety by prohibiting residents from removing debris without adequate oversight. • For additional information on South Coast AQMD efforts in response to the recent wildfires, please visit www.aqmd.gov/lawildfires. • 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. • http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/safety/returning-home-after-fire.htm
<p style="text-align: center;">Traffic Updates</p>	<p>ROAD CLOSURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCH/Topanga • PCH/Grandview

FLASHING LIGHTS

- PCH/Big Rock
- PCH/Las Flores
- PCH/Carbon Canyon

PCH UPDATE

PCH Reopens to All in Palisades Fire Area - Reduced Speed and One Lane in Each Direction for Safety; Major Delays Expected. Los Angeles — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the reopening of State Route 1/Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) through the cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Malibu to all motorists as of 8 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. The following safety measures are being implemented:

- Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station will maintain increased patrols in the burn areas.
- Caltrans will be onsite to assist with traffic flow and minimize disruptions.
- Caltrans and Los Angeles County Public Works will monitor PCH for any roadway hazards.
- The City's parking enforcement will maintain a frequent presence in neighborhoods and closely monitor local streets.

The following PCH modifications are in place:

- PCH is reduced to one lane each direction with a 25 mile per hour speed limit between Temescal Canyon Road in Pacific Palisades and Carbon Beach Terrace in Malibu.
- There is one lane through the McClure Tunnel from westbound I-10 to northbound PCH, and one lane entering northbound PCH from the California Incline. These two lanes merge into one lane, potentially causing delays.
- All signalized intersections are on flashing red. Please remember to treat these as a four-way stop, even if the intersection is dark due to a power outage.
- There is no parking, no stopping and no pedestrians allowed in the work zone. Please remember there may be slow vehicles moving in and out of the lanes.
- Law enforcement will be citing motorists.

On PCH in both directions, the right lane is closed to allow safe access for utility workers to repair gas, electric and water service; debris haulers to remove hazardous and other household materials and waste; and contractors to continue their work on slope restoration and property repairs that allows for safe rebuilding. Caltrans reminds motorists that

	<p>traffic fines can be doubled in an active work zone. Motorists should use caution driving through the area and should slow down for workers.</p> <p>RESIDENT PASSES – LA CITY RESIDENTS ONLY (Not City of Malibu or Unincorporated La County)</p> <p>Resident passes for <u>Malibu City residents and those in unincorporated Los Angeles County</u> are no longer needed. City of Los Angeles residents who would like passes to enter the Pacific Palisades communities can collect a resident pass from the City of Los Angeles between 10 AM – 5 PM in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Recovery Center (10850 Pico Blvd.) • West L.A. Civic Center, second floor, (1645 Corinth Ave), by Sawtelle and the 405 Fwy) <p>Your safety is our top priority, and we are committed to working together to keep our community secure as we navigate these recovery efforts.</p>
<p>Private Property Debris Removal</p>	<p>The debris removal process is divided into two main phases, each managed by different agencies. <u>Those impacted by the Palisades Fire must either opt in or opt out of debris removal by filling in the Opt In Form OR the Opt Out Form.</u></p> <p>DEADLINE: March 31, 2025</p> <p>How to Opt-In for debris removal:</p> <p>Step 1: Complete and submit the Right of Entry (ROE) form and authorize the government to manage debris removal on your property.</p> <p>How to Opt-Out of Debris Removal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You will be required to meet all the same requirements as USACE.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <p>Questions regarding the debris removal process? https://recovery.lacounty.gov/debris-removal/</p> <p>DEBRIS HOTLINES LA County Public Works Fire Debris Hotline: (844) 347-3332 EPA Hotline: (833) 798-7372 or PalisadesFire@dpw.lacounty.gov. Army Corps of Engineers Hotline: - 213-308-8305 (Monday –Sunday 6:00 AM – 6:30 PM)</p>
<p>Towed Vehicles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community members can provide all pertinent information including the VINs or license plate numbers via email (509chp180@chp.ca.gov) to request information on towed vehicles. Please contact the CHP Vehicle Theft Unit at (323) 644-9557 for more information.
<p>FEMA Assistance</p>	<p>FEMA Financial Assistance Application Period Deadline is March 10, 2025.</p> <p>Individual FEMA Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call: 1-800-621-3362 ● Website: www.fema.gov ● Visit an In-Person Location: ● Malibu Library (23519 West Civic Center Way) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Now through February 8, 2025 ● Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM ▪ Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ▪ Closed on Sunday ● Boys and Girls Club (23357 PCH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ● Small Business Assistance (SBA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ralphs (23841 Malibu Rd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Now through Saturday, February 8 ▪ 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM <p>https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/california-wildfires</p>

	<p>Private nonprofits and faith-based groups that were impacted by the Los Angeles County Wildfires may be eligible for Public Assistance to help restore their damaged or destroyed facilities. To apply, they need to submit a Request for Public Assistance, or RPA, by Sunday, March 9, 2025. Organizations are also advised to apply with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a low-interest disaster loan.</p>
American Red Cross	<p>The deadline for individuals to register for financial aid from the Red Cross is February, Friday, 14, 2025.</p>
Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)	<p>The LA County Disaster Recovery Center is available daily from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Visit recovery.lacounty.gov for information. UCLA Research Park West (formerly Westside Pavilion) 10850 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064</p>
Rebuild Efforts	<p>Property Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Contact Building Safety staff with questions about your property inspection notice: maliburecovers@malibucity.org or call (310) 456-2489, ext. 390 <p>Rebuilding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Resources	<p>For information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance, Financial Assistance, and Financial Protections • Small Business Resources • Resident Resources <p>Visit https://malibucity.org/Palisades-Fire</p>

<p>Public Transportation</p>	<p>Metro Reduced Fares - reduced fare program offers 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 six months after enrollment. https://www.taptogo.net/wildfirerresponse.</p> <p>Metro line 134 has been suspended until further notice.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>LA County Arts and Culture Forum: Wildfire Response and Resources Virtual Webinar - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 9:30 AM Streaming: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arts-and-culture-forum-la-county-wildfire-response-and-resources-registration-1226549836579</p> <p>City of Malibu Planning Commission Meeting Rebuild Code Amendments - The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on February 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM, at City Hall to consider code amendments to facilitate the rebuilding of structures damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster and provide relief for victims of the fires</p> <p>Los Angeles Area Small Business Response & Recovery Webinar All small businesses impacted by the LA Fires of January 2025 are invited to join this weekly webinar to learn the latest resources to support small business and economic recovery from the wildfire disaster we are facing in LA County. This meeting will focus on current funds and resources available from SBA and other funds designated for fire-impacted small businesses. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TZ18wlgvSLq0TrxSnJ1WVQ#/registration</p>

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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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.