



City of Malibu News

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Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

Update: February 4, 2025, 3:00 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 8 AM - 5 PM. For the latest information, visit <https://MalibuCity.org/Palisades-Fire>. An updated recovery website to be released soon.

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| <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 style="text-align: center;">Alerts</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the Palisade Fire, the NOAA weather station was damaged, and NOAA radios are currently not receiving alerts. To stay informed and receive updates, please sign up for |

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| | <p>alerts at malibucity.org/news and tune in to KBUU Radio 99.1 FM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts at ready.lacounty.gov and report storm-related issues by calling the 24-hour Public Works Dispatch Center at (800) 675-HELP (4357). |
| <p>Current Fire Status (Source CalFire)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size: 23,448 acres Containment: 100% 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> | <p>Two storms are expected to bring rain to LA County, including Malibu beginning Tuesday, February 4, 2025 late evening through early Friday, February 7, 2025.</p> <p>HAZARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared for potential mudslides, debris flows, rocks and water in the roads in all recent burn areas, especially canyon roads. It only takes ½ inch per hour of rain to start a debris flow. Be prepared for potential power and traffic signal outages. Come to a complete stop at any malfunctioning traffic signal, under CA law. Drive with extreme caution, keep headlights on. Watch for workers and work vehicles in the road. Debris flows are fast-moving, deadly landslides that occur extremely quickly, with no warning. They are powerful mixtures of mud, rocks, boulders, entire trees, even homes or vehicles. "Debris flows" are more powerful and dangerous than "mudslides" or "mudflows." <p>PREPAREDNESS - (FRANKLIN AND PALISADES FIRE BURN AREAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared to evacuate, review your emergency plan, including evacuation routes and reunification locations. Keep your vehicle's gas tank full. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you can open electric gates or garage doors when the power is out, or keep them open. • Check your emergency supplies and have go bags ready, include pet medications and papers. • Prepare your home - get and place sandbags BEFORE it rains. • Sign up for emergency alerts. • Leave the area early if you feel unsafe, or need extra time to evacuate due to mobility issues, disability, medical devices, or if you own horses. • Follow evacuation orders. <p>SANDBAGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Costa Post Office parking lot, 21229 Pacific Coast Highway (pre-filled bags and empty bags only) • Fire Station #70, 3970 Carbon Canyon Road Malibu, CA 90265 (empty bags) • Fire Station #88, 23720 Malibu Road, Malibu, CA 90265 (empty bags) <p>All LA County Fire Stations have sandbags. Call to ask if they have sand and filled bags. Plastic Sandbags are prohibited in City of Malibu. Burlap and Jute are allowed. Please do not remove sand from the beaches for sandbags, it is harmful to the coastal ecosystem, and is prohibited under County law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA County Sandbag Locator Website • LA County Winter Storm Preparedness Guide • NWS LA/Oxnard Weather Info • Sign Up for City Emergency, Traffic & Other Alerts |
| <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> | <p>OCEAN WATER CLOSURE AND ADVISORY DUE TO FIRE IMPACTS REMAIN</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 |

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| | <p>the lungs and can cause major problems everywhere it lands. It's not just dirt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/eh/safety/returning-home-after-fire.htm |
| <p>Traffic Updates</p> | <p>PCH UPDATE 2/4/25</p> <p>Caltrans in collaboration with Los Angeles County Public Works Department is anticipated PCH on Tuesday, February 4 at 3 p.m. out of an abundance of caution to prepare for the upcoming storms that may cause mud and debris flows in the hills above due to slopes that have been made bare from the recent fires. Only essential recovery, utility and emergency response workers will be allowed in the closure.</p> <p>CLOSURE POINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure points will be Chautauqua Blvd in Los Angeles to Carbon Beach Terrace in Malibu in both directions, 8.5 miles. The limits are intended to follow the recent closure points for fire recovery. • Law enforcement will be manning the closure points and will not allow the public, only essential workers who have work along PCH related to recovery. • P Las Flores Cyn. Rd., from Rambla Pacifico Rd. to PCH. • Piuma Rd., from Cold Cyn. Rd. to Rambla Pacifico Rd. • Rambla Pacifico Rd., from Piuma Rd. to Las Flores Cyn. Rd. • 1 Saddle Peak Rd., from Stunt Rd. to Tuna Cyn. Rd. • Schueren Rd., from Saddle Peak Rd. to Piuma Rd. • Tuna Cyn. Rd., from Saddle Peak Rd. to PCH. <p>RESIDENT PASSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles County Sheriff Department will have a hard closure on PCH in Malibu. Resident passes will not be accepted. • Palisades residents with passes may still access the community via Chautauqua Blvd but be advised that there is a possibility of debris flow there as well. |

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| | <p>HAZARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This debris that could entail mud or trees or other large debris may block the highway, making driving hazardous. • This is being done in coordination with the Los Angeles County Public Works Department who assessed the burned watershed tributary to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Streets in these areas may experience significant damage from mudflows, debris flows, and potential landslides as the storm approaches. <p>POTENTIAL REOPENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans geotechnical engineers will assess the slopes and canyons on Friday, February 7, 2025, to determine if the highway can be safely reopened to all motorists. |
| <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. ○ 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. |

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| | <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. United States 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: (800) 621-3362 Website: www.FEMA.gov Visit an In-Person Location: Malibu Library located at 23519 West Civic Center Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting with individual and family applications for FEMA assistance. Now through February 8, 2025 Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, February 3 – Thursday, February 6 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Friday, February 7 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Closed on Sunday Boys and Girls Club of Malibu located at 23357 PCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting with individual and family applications for FEMA assistance. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Small Business Administration (SBA) located at Ralphs at 23841 Malibu Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting with business applications for FEMA assistance. Now through Saturday, February 8 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM |

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| | <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 | The deadline for individuals to register for financial aid from the Red Cross is Friday, February 14, 2025. |
| Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) | 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 |
| 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 |

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| | <p>Visit 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/wildfireresponse. Metro line 134 has been suspended until further notice.</p> |
| <p>Upcoming Events</p> | <p>Debris Removal Town Hall - Supervisor Horvath February 5, 2025, 6:00 PM</p> <p>The second Debris Removal Town Hall will be hosted by our office tomorrow, Wednesday, February 5. This is a virtual meeting held on Zoom, and livestreamed on our YouTube. To register and pre-submit questions, visit the link here.</p> <p>LA County Arts and Culture Forum: Wildfire Response and Resources Virtual Webinar - Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 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 Thursday, 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.