



City of Malibu News

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Public Information Guide: Palisades Fire

Update: February 7, 2025, 1:00 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 will be released soon.

<p>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
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<p style="text-align: center;">Alerts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Communication (During Cellular Outages) • NOAA Weather Station - Due to the Palisade Fire, the NOAA weather station was damaged, and NOAA radios are currently not receiving alerts. • KBUU Radio 99.1 FM. • KNX at 1070 AM or 97.1 FM. • Sign up for emergency alerts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LA County: ready.lacounty.gov ○ City of Malibu Alerts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ www.MalibuCity.org/news ▪ www.malibucity.org/disasternotification • Additional Emergency Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://genasys.com/ ○ https://tcep.org/
<p style="text-align: center;">Current Fire Status (Source CalFire)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 23,707 acres • Containment: 100% • Structures: CalFire confirmed 6,831 structures destroyed and 973 damaged in total affected area (Palisades and Malibu). City number: TBD. View damage assessment map at https://Recovery.LACounty.gov/palisades-fire/
<p style="text-align: center;">Weather Report (Source NWS)</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Stronger rains are expected Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with higher rates than the last storm. Localized flooding and debris flow could be possible.</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.

	<p>"Debris flows" are more power and dangerous than "mudslides" or "mudflows."</p>
<p>Flood and Erosion Mitigation</p>	<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. • 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 PCH (pre-filled bags and empty bags only) • Fire Station #70, 3970 Carbon Cyn. Rd. at PCH, Malibu (sand & bags) • Fire Station #71, 28722 PCH at Zumirez Dr. (empty bags) • Fire Station #72, 1832 Decker Cyn. Rd. (empty bags) • Fire Station #88, 23720 Malibu Rd. (empty bags) • Fire Station #99 32550 PCH at Encinal Cyn. Rd. (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"> • https://dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/sandbags/ • https://ready.lacounty.gov/rain/ • https://www.weather.gov/lox/ • https://www.malibucity.org/list.aspx
<p>Ocean Water Closure</p>	<p>Ocean Water Quality Rain Advisory for All Los Angeles County Beaches in Effect until 10:00 AM, Saturday, February 8, 2025</p>

	<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>United States Postal Service</p>	<p>USPS Point Dume Post Office For locating forwarded mail/packages 29160 Heathercliff Road Malibu, CA 90265 New number: 310-457-1327 (status: open)</p> <p>La Costa Post Office Only collects mail from residents who set up a P.O. box. 21229 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu CA 90265 Phone: 310-456-5069 (status: closed)</p> <p>USPS Malibu Colony Post Office 23838 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu CA 90265 Phone: 310-317-0328 (status: open)</p>
<p>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>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,

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Traffic Updates</p>	<p>PCH STORM SAFETY CLOSURE Caltrans in collaboration with Los Angeles County Public Works Department has closed PCH from Chautauqua Blvd in Los Angeles to Carbon Beach Terrace in Malibu as of Tuesday, February 4 at 3:00 PM, out of an abundance of caution for storm safety, and the potential for mud and debris flows. Only emergency personnel, essential recovery employees, and utility workers will be allowed. No residents, regardless of whether they have previously received entry passes. Law enforcement will be manning the closure points.</p> <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. <p>NON-PCH AREAS OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Las Flores Canyon Road, from Rambla Pacifico Road to PCH. • Piuma Road, from Cold Canyon Road to Rambla Pacifico Road. • Rambla Pacifico Road, from Piuma Road to Las Flores Canyon Road. • Saddle Peak Road, from Stunt Road to Tuna Canyon Road. • Schueren Road, from Saddle Peak Road to Piuma Road. • Tuna Canyon Road f,rom Saddle Peak Road to PCH.

	<p>HAZARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debris, such as 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 are assessing the slopes and canyons today, 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.

	<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>EPA PHASE 1 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REMOVAL PROGRESS & MAP</p> <p>On January 16, U.S. EPA’s first teams began assessing burned properties in the Eaton and Palisades fire burn areas and on January 28, started clearing Household Hazardous Materials (paint, pesticides, batteries, household chemicals, etc.) from burned properties for Phase 1 of debris removal. EPA's Phase 1 is underway in the Palisades Fire area. As of February 6, no properties in Malibu have had Phase 1 completed. The Phase 1 progress metrics, maps and other detailed information is available at https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/12e839aa88764185ab7ef3f84cace1ea. For questions about your property, call the EPA hotline: (833)-R9-USEPA (833-798-7372).</p>
<p>Burn Area Air Quality Monitoring & Safety Tips</p>	<p>SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (AQMD) AIR QUALITY MONITORING & SAFETY TIPS IN BURN AREAS</p> <p>As of January 31, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) in collaboration with EPA began air monitoring efforts in the burn scars and surrounding communities of the Eaton Fire and Palisades Fire. Debris removal could cause hazardous dust and ash to become airborne. South Coast AQMD’s monitoring efforts will occur in two key stages. AQMD will conduct mobile air monitoring for four weeks, testing for toxic metals and volatile organic compounds (VOC’s) and identifying potential hot spots. AQMD will place temporary air monitoring stations based on mobile monitoring results, cleanup activity, sensitive receptors (such as residents and schools) and weather conditions. These stations will test for particulate matter (PM), lead, arsenic, and asbestos.</p> <p>Residents are advised to avoid attempting to clean up fire debris such as 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 to protect public health and safety. For</p>

	wildfire, smoke, ash and safety tips, please visit: www.aqmd.gov/wildfiretips .
Towed Vehicles	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.
FEMA Assistance	<p>FEMA Financial Assistance Application Period Deadline is March 10, 2025.</p> <p>Individual FEMA Assistance Call: (800) 621-3362 Website: www.FEMA.gov Visit an In-Person Location: Malibu Library located at 23519 West Civic Center Way. Get assistance with individual and family applications for FEMA assistance now through February 8, 2025.</p> <p>Hours 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</p> <p>Boys and Girls Club of Malibu located at 23357 PCH Assisting with individual and family applications for FEMA assistance. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p> <p>Small Business Administration (SBA) located at Ralphs at 23841 Malibu Road Assisting with business applications for FEMA assistance. Now through Saturday, February 8 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM</p> <p>https://www.SBA.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/california-wildfires</p> <p>(NEW) Deadline for Nonprofits & Faith Groups to Apply for SBA Disaster Assistance, March 9</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.</p>

	Organizations are also advised to apply with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a low-interest disaster loan. Visit https://grantee.fema.gov to register.
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 . New DRC times starting Monday, February 10 updated to daily from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Visit Recovery.LACounty.gov for information. UCLA Research Park West (10850 West Pico Boulevard)
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 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 remains suspended until further notice.</p>
<p>CalFresh Benefits</p>	<p>Disaster CalFresh Food Benefits - A family of four with a monthly income up to \$3,529 per month may be eligible to receive a one-time \$975 food benefit through Disaster CalFresh food benefits, which are available to those who lived or worked in a fire-impacted area within Los Angeles County on Friday, January 7, 2025.</p> <p>Households may only apply for Disaster CalFresh between Monday, February 10 - Friday, February 14, 2025 and Tuesday, February 18 - Wednesday, February 19, 2025 by calling 866-488-8482 (M-F, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) or visiting a Los Angeles DPSS office to apply in person. In most cases, benefits will be available within three days of the date of a qualifying interview.</p>
<p>DoorDash Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund</p>	<p>The DoorDash Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund provides \$10,000 relief grants to local restaurants affected by state- or federally- declared natural disasters. The grants can be used to cover operating costs like rent or mortgage repayments, food and beverage inventory, utilities, supplies and materials, and supplier costs.</p> <p>Restaurant owners can apply for the DoorDash Restaurant Relief Fund now through Friday, May 30, 2025.</p> <p>https://Merchants.DoorDash.com/en-us/about/disaster-relief-fund</p>
<p>Jewish Free Loan Association (JFLA) Relief Loans</p>	<p>JFLA offers zero-interest, zero-fee emergency loans of up to \$15,000 to eligible applicants. These loans can be used for essential expenses such as: temporary housing/hotel stays, food, transportation and vehicle replacement, and other emergency expenses.</p> <p>https://www.JFLA.org/firerelief</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>City Council Meeting</p>

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM. The meeting agenda with Zoom information will be posted on <https://www.malibucity.org/agendacenter> and may be livestreamed via YouTube on <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMalibu>

Rebuilding Homes, Businesses, and Lives After California Wildfires

This webinar presented by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and Business Source Hollywood Region (operated by PACE Business Development Center) on **Thursdays in February at 9:00 AM**, will provide a comprehensive guide to navigating rebuilding efforts with County and City agencies, including detailed rebuilding guides, executive orders, and essential resources.

https://PACELA-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G_K2eVhcS8mCJXSjXtaRDA#/registration

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. Weekly meetings on **Fridays in February at 11:00 AM**.

https://US02Web.Zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TZ18wlgvSLq0TrxSnJ1WVQ#/registration

Taxing Matters for Disaster-Impacted Households

Hosted by United Policy Holders on **Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 PM**, certified public accountants with extensive experience advising disaster survivors will share key tips on tax strategies for the underinsured, disaster loss tax filing options, and the tax eligibility of insurance proceeds.

<https://UpHelp.org/events/taxing-matters-for-disaster-impacted-households-2-13-2025/>

**United Policy Holders Survivor to Survivor Forum:
Webinar for Wildfire Survivors**

Connect in an informal, safe setting with trained United Policy Holders volunteers and others currently navigating disaster recovery on **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM**. This forum is for wildfire survivors only.

<https://US02Web.Zoom.us/meeting/register/QZBYUaJmRO-y7pXwhVYDSg#/registration>

Navigating Your Contents Claim

In this webinar presented by United Policy Holders on **Wednesday, February 26, at 5:00 PM**, you will learn how to tally up personal

	<p>property/contents items that were damaged or destroyed so you can collect the full amount owed on those items, and strategies for completing your home inventory and understanding depreciation.</p> <p>https://UpHelp.org/events/navigating-your-contents-claim-2-26-2025/</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</p>
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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.