



California Disaster Resources

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C.A.R. stands ready to assist REALTORS® who have been impacted by natural disasters. The wildfires now ravaging Southern California are taking a heavy toll. In order to support those affected by the fires, C.A.R. has put together this list of resources for assistance. It will be regularly updated.

C.A.R.'s Disaster Relief Fund was established stands ready to assist REALTORS® who have been impacted by natural disasters through its Disaster Relief Fund. The Association established the fund in the wake of the 2003 California wildfires. Grants provided by the fund are used to help members of the REALTOR® family -- REALTORS®, their staff, and Association members and their staff - - who have incurred substantial losses due to wildfires and other disasters. If you are a member of the REALTOR® family who has been impacted by a recent natural disaster and need assistance, please visit

<https://www.car.org/en/difference/realtorscare> to fill out an application.

DISASTER RESOURCES

General Resources

- LA County Emergency Management: **<https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>**

- California disaster: "major disaster declaration" which allows for immediate cash assistance for parties affected for food, prescriptions and other necessary costs like baby formula. People can contact [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or call 1 (800) 621-3362. Also increasing coverage from 75% to 100% for 180 days for things like debris and hazardous materials removal, temporary shelter and 1st responder salaries.
- **Watch Duty app**
- **LAist has compiled a list of resources**
- Mutual Aid LA Network has put together an extensive list of resources for fire evacuees and folks who want to help

Housing/Shelter

- 211 LA is partnering with Airbnb to offer free temporary shelter for people displaced from their homes by fire. Start by filling out this form
- YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles is opening its locations that aren't affected by the fires for temporary shelter, showers, basic amenities, and mental health support. They are also providing childcare services (5 years and up) for first responders and families affected by the fires

Evacuation centers

- Arcadia Community Center – 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007
- Ritchie Valens Recreation Center – 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

- Pan Pacific Recreational Center – 7600 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036
- Westwood Recreation Center – 1350 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 (accepts small animals)
- El Camino Real Charter High School – 5440 Valley Circle Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91367
- Pasadena Civic Center – 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101 (Pasadena Convention Center is currently no longer accepting donations of food, water, emergency supplies or donations of any kind because they have had an overwhelmingly generous response.)
- Pomona Fairplex – 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA 91768
- Pierce College: 6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (accepts large animals)

Food & Supplies The Los Angeles Food Policy Council says it is currently working with Food Recovery Organizations in the region to connect them to active food distribution sites for delivery. The organization is coordinating volunteers and sending them to food distribution sites. Please let them know if you need or have volunteers to help coordinate volunteer sites.

EMERGENCY FUNDS & HOUSING SUPPORT

LA County Emergency

Up to date information on local hazards and evacuation assistance, including quick links to Road Closures, Animal Shelters and Health Alerts.

Apply for FEMA Disaster Relief Funds

Apply for federal assistance by calling toll-free to (800) 621-FEMA (3362). Disaster victims may register by calling this number. You do not have to wait to go to a disaster assistance center. The number for speech and hearing impaired individuals is (800) 462-7585. Federal disaster assistance available for residents and businesses in the affected counties includes temporary housing assistance, disaster loans and other needs assistance grants.

Salvation Army of Southern California

These locations serve as all-purpose stops for people looking for financial assistance, government documents, and information about how they can rebuild following a disaster.

Fannie Mae's Disaster Response Network

A comprehensive case-management service for disaster-affected homeowners whose mortgage loans are backed by the company. The program provides homeowners broader personalized support to address safety and basic needs, property repairs, employment, and financial recovery—all of which affect a borrower's ability to meet their mortgage obligations.

U.S. Small Business Administration

Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners, and Renters.

State of California, Employment Development Department

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) provides a variety of services to individuals and businesses affected by disasters in California.

Los Angeles County Assessor

Taxpayers whose properties have either been destroyed or sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage may file a Misfortune and Calamity (M&C) claim for property tax relief. **Assessor's Disaster Relief Hotline (213) 974-8658**

Airbnb

Offering free home stays for those in need of emergency housing.

MEDICAL AID

HealthNet

Health Net is helping ensure that members who have lost their homes, or have been evacuated, due to wildfire activity in California have access to essential prescription medications, critical Health Net information and other healthcare services to help them cope with grief, loss, stress or trauma.

RECOVER & REBUILD

CARe

Provides free disaster recovery help, information and guidance.

California Wildfires Statewide Recovery Resources

Local assistance, record replacement, debris removal, and temporary housing.

American Red Cross

Assistance to support long-term recovery efforts.

Community Partners

From Chaos to Community - A Guide to Helping Friends and Neighbors Recover and Rebuild After a Major Disaster

A resource guide that aims to inspire individuals and citizen groups to act in organized, effective ways to help communities hit by disasters to reclaim their future.

LEGAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

C.A.R.'s legal resources offers links and information on tax, legal and other issues for wildfire victims.

Natural Disasters Quick Guide - How are properties affected in the real estate market by natural disasters?

National Disaster Legal Aid Resource Center Quick Guide

INSURANCE - RELATED ISSUES

California Department of Insurance Wildfire Information

DOI can be contacted for general information and guidance about insurance claims by calling (800) 927-HELP (4357).

Farmers Catastrophe Response Team

United Policyholders

Through their Roadmap to Recovery programs you will find support, guidance and trustworthy help navigating the process of returning to a wildfire damaged area, repairing and replacing damaged and destroyed property, and collecting all available insurance funds.

PREVENTION & PLANNING

American Red Cross

Created by the American Red Cross, this information encourages you to take precautions to help stay safe and speed up your recovery after a fire. It also offers ideas on what you can do to help make yourself and your home safer in the future.

Creating a Family Disaster Plan

Steps to take to create a family disaster plan to expedite voluntary and forced evacuations in the event of an emergency.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Rental Housing Anti-Price Gouging FAQ

Learn about California's anti-price gouging laws as they pertain to rental housing, especially during emergencies like wildfires. This FAQ provides essential information for landlords, property managers, and real estate professionals to ensure compliance.

California Environmental Protection Agency