

Disaster Recovery Center checklist

LA Fires 2025

Use this checklist to find the resources you need at this center. This checklist covers the most common services.

Tables are organized by department.

Health

There may be onsite medical services at the center.

- Find out how to stay healthy during a wildfire – California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- Get N95s and public health information – LA County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (DPH)
- Get help accessing medical services – LA County Department of Public Health, Medication Assistance (DPH)
 - Prescription medication refills
 - Service referrals
- Get Medi-Cal – LA County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
- Get help with mental health resources – LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- Get help for people who are older or have disabilities – LA County Aging & Disabilities Department (AD)
 - Service referrals
 - Caregiver support
- Get long-term care for veterans and spouses – California Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Food

There may be food and beverages at the center.

- Get food benefits – LA County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
- Get food benefits for women and children (WIC) – California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Housing

- Get help with housing – LA County 211
- Find temporary housing – LA County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
- Get help with housing protections – LA County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs (DCBA)
 - Price gouging
 - Housing and tenant protections
 - Foreclosure prevention

Social services

- Get help with child support questions – LA County Child Support Services Department (CSSD)
- Get VA benefits – California Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Individual Assistance (FEMA)

- Apply for money and other services – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 - Housing
 - Funds for repairs
 - Legal services
- Get Individual and Household Program grant extensions (State Supplemental Grant Program) – California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Replace your personal documents

- Replace your birth, death, and marriage certificates (fees waived) – California Department of Public Health (CDPH), LA County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC)
- Replace your identity and car documents – Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - Car registration and titles
 - Driver’s licenses and ID cards
- Get or replace manufactured and mobilehome (MH-unit) documents – Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
 - Ownership documents
 - Salvage certificates and removal from HCD registration
- Replace your property records – LA County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC)
- Replace income tax documents (fees waived) – Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
- Replace military service records – California Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Insurance claims

- Get help with insurance claims – Department of Insurance (CDI)
 - Handling delays
 - Living expenses
 - Underinsurance disputes

Employment

- If you can’t work due to the fires, apply for benefits – Employment Development Department (EDD)
 - State and federal unemployment benefits
 - Disability insurance benefits
 - Job opportunities and training

Taxes

- Get help with taxes – Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
 - Income tax relief and filing assistance
 - Address updates
- Get help with tax relief – LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC)

Rebuilding help

- Get help clearing your property – LA County Public Works (DPW)
 - Debris removal
 - Mud and debris flow
- Get help starting the rebuilding process – LA County Department of Regional Planning
 - Project and case intake
 - Zoning
- Get help with rebuilding permits – LA County Public Works (DPW), LA County Department of Regional Planning
- Get help with contractors – Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB)
 - Making sure your contractor is licensed
 - Finding and hiring a licensed contractor
 - Filing a complaint
- Get case management and referrals – LA County 211
- Get long-term recovery planning through the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) – California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Get help with property reassessment – LA County Assessor’s Office
 - Applications
 - Property value information
- Get CalVet home loans – California Veterans Affairs (CalVet)
- Get help with mobilehome and manufactured home (MH-unit) rebuilding – California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
 - Application for mobilehome park construction, mobilehome park MH-unit installation permits

Business help

- Get help with business taxes – California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA)
 - Sales and use tax
 - Extension to file returns
 - Relief from interest and penalties
- Get business income tax relief and filing extensions – Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
- Get employer payroll tax extensions – Employment Development Department (EDD)
- Replace your business records – LA County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC)
- Get help for businesses – LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
 - Small business assistance
 - Grants
 - Worker development programs

Go to ca.gov/LAfires for the latest information, including Disaster Recovery Center locations.