

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 information

There may be onsite medical services here.

- ☐ Find out how to stay healthy during a wildfire – California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Food

There may be food and beverages at the center.

- ☐ Get food benefits for women and children (WIC) – California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- ☐ Get food benefits – California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
 - Sign up for CalFresh or get help replacing food lost in the fires
 - Find a food bank in your area

School and government closures

- ☐ Find out what's open and closed – LA County 211

Individual Assistance (FEMA)

- ☐ Apply for money and other services – FEMA. You can get help with:
 - Housing
 - Funds for repairs
 - Legal services
- ☐ If you qualify for FEMA, you may be eligible for additional financial support – 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)
- ☐ Replace your identity and car documents – Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - Driver's license and ID cards
 - Car registration and car title
- ☐ Get or replace manufactured and mobile home documents – Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
 - Registration and title
 - Salvage certificates
- ☐ Replace income tax documents – Franchise Tax Board (FTB)

Insurance claims

- ☐ Get help with insurance claims – Department of Insurance (CDI)
 - Handling delays
 - Living expenses
 - Underinsurance disputes
- ☐ If you had a California Veterans Affairs (CalVet) home loan, file a fire damage claim – CalVet

Employment

- ☐ If you can't work due to the fires, apply for benefits – Employment Development Department (EDD)
 - State and federal unemployment and disability insurance benefits
 - Employer payroll tax extension
 - Job opportunities and training

Taxes

- ☐ Get help with personal income tax and filing extensions – Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
 - Income tax relief and filing assistance
 - Copies of tax documents
 - Address updates

Rebuilding help

- ☐ Get help hiring contractors and tips on rebuilding – Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB)
 - Making sure your contractor is licensed
 - Finding and hiring a licensed contractor
 - Filing a complaint

Business taxes

- ☐ 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)

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