

California Wildfires

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A [record-breaking heat](#) wave coupled with rare summer thunderstorms are fueling [wildfires across California](#), with nearly 30 burning more than 120,000 acres as of Tuesday morning. – [Via CNN](#)

Governor Gavin Newsom today secured two Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the LNU Lightning Complex Fire burning in Napa County and the Jones Fire burning in Nevada County. – [Via California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)

Statewide Resources

California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

Cal OES is responsible for overseeing and coordinating emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and homeland security activities within the state of California. Cal OES regularly dispatches team members to join first responders, emergency leaders and those affected by disasters that threaten public safety, to tell their stories and provide information essential to the public. To get preparedness resources visit the website [here](#).

Get updates on Cal OES social media sites:

- [Twitter](#)
- [Facebook](#)

Cal Fire

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California. The statewide fire map can be found [here](#).

The following counties are currently experiencing active fires:

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- Plumas
- Siskiyou
- Humboldt
- Butte
- Tuolumne
- Mariposa
- San Joaquin
- Stanislaus
- Napa
- Alameda
- Santa Clara

American Red Cross of North California

The American Red Cross is one member of the local, state and federal disaster response community. During a disaster the Red Cross provides shelter, food, emotional support, health services, clean-up supplies and comfort items. For more information, visit the American Red Cross website [here](#).

To find open shelters via the American Red Cross please visit their website [here](#).

Their Safe and Well website provides a central location for people in disaster areas to register their current status, and for their loved ones to access that information. Visit the Safe and Well website [here](#).

211 California

2-1-1 operates nationwide and connects callers to human service information. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including shelter, cell phone power stations, rent/utility assistance, and disaster response programs. Dial 211 from your cellphone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 211 service center by visiting 211ca.org.

California Department of Insurance

The California Department of Insurance offers resources to help wildfire victims. For information on claims and loss management, residential property claims guide and a home inventory guide, please visit their website [here](#).

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Airbnb

AirBnb provides temporary housing options and some areas have liberalized services. Learn more by visiting their [website](#).

National Resources

SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline

This helpline, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), can provide immediate crisis counseling to anyone who is experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. The help line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (800) 985-5990. You can also reach them via text message by texting "TalkWithUs" to 66746. You can find more information online [here](#).

National Weather Service

Updated information on current weather conditions can be found [here](#).

Ready.Gov

This website provides emergency updates, disaster preparedness tips and resources. You can sign up to receive emergency updates on your cell phone or download an app for updates. The Ready.Gov site also provides links to local city and county Emergency Management Departments. For more information, please visit the [Ready.gov](#) website.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Visit the FEMA website for information [here](#).
- Find open shelters near you by texting SHELTER and your zip code to 4FEMA (43362). Example: Shelter 01234. (Standard text message rates apply.)
- To Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance:
Online: www.disasterassistance.gov
Phone: 800-621-3362, TTY 800-462-7585
- FEMA tips on how to find short term and long term housing after a disaster can be found [here](#).

Rebuilding After a Fire

- FEMA offers a fact sheet on Rebuilding after a Wildfire which can be found [here](#).
- Insurance information on wildfires can be found on the Insurance Information Institute website [here](#).
- Free Legal Advice offers information on Fire Insurance: Rebuilding Your Home after a Fire, which can be found [here](#).

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