

Los Angeles Fires Emergency Resources

Practical Advice and Emergency Tips

In the immediate aftermath, your **focus should be on:**



1. Taking care of yourself, children, family, spouse.



2. Securing housing



3. Securing resources, insurance, etc.

It is critical to make sure that **step 1 is accomplished** and that you and your family are really okay **before you move on to steps 2 and 3** or else you won't be able to get through them.

You must lay the “foundation” in order to rebuild your life.

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Things to do while evacuated

- **Register at shelters**, with the Red Cross, FEMA, and other agencies. They will then have a point of contact for you.
- **Get a P.O. Box** and forward all mail there. Use this as the mailing address for all the forms you complete.
- **Call your homeowners' or rental insurance** to open an insurance claim and trigger "loss of use" coverage. This coverage will get you access to funds for essentials and immediate displacement costs.
- **Save your receipts for food, lodging, gas & other displacement expenses.** You may be able to recover these costs from your insurer and your insurance may require documentation of the expenses
- **Start searching for a long-term rental** if you will need one. If you coordinate with your insurer, they may be able to make payments directly.

Things to do when you return to your home lot

- **If your home has been damaged or destroyed by fire**, please be careful when you return to your lot, as it may have become toxic. Please protect yourself.
- **Tree holes will continue to burn** and it is possible you could fall through. Be careful.
- **Collect contact information from your neighbors.** Often, neighbors will help share information.
- If your home has been damaged or destroyed by fire, **please be sure to wear a protective air mask** when you are on your lot, particularly if you are searching for items to recover.
- **Create an address sign** to post at your property.

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