

2020 CA FIRE RESOURCES

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GLASS FIRE/INCIDENT info below, go to "Napa County" -- *SHADY FIRE* go to "Sonoma County"

(much general CA fire info can also be found in the categories near the top of this doc)

Categories in this document: announcements, returning home, fire intro, animal help, assistance- supplies- services, financial help, medical needs, mental health, veterans, wildfire smoke, volunteer/donate, Napa County/Glass Fire, Santa Cruz County/CZU Lightning Complex, Monterey County/Dolan Fire, who we are

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Bring your pets in at night and let the wild ones pass through. If you live in a rural area: Please put out buckets of water and shallow pans for them --**and change them often!** -- they are scared, exhausted, and have also lost their homes - they need to refuel.  CLEAN water only (ash + water = lye)

****Also see #DAT on Twitter and Facebook for updates about California and Oregon fires!****

Please see purpleair.com for current air quality close to you; uncheck 'indoor air quality.'

Emergency? Dial 911! Need something urgently? General CA fire [resource list](#) for evacuees from 211. Anyone can dial 211 for information about anything, at any time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We've added a website: [Disaster Assist Team 2020 | NorCal Fires Info Page](#)

If in extended Bay Area, also see county sections, below, for much more info; categories before counties are for EVERYONE

- ❖ Information on the Glass Fire/Glass Incident can be found under “Napa County,” below. Shady Fire (now part of Glass Incident) under “Sonoma County.” Dolan Fire can be found under “Monterey County,” below. Resources & information for **all** fire survivors can also be found in the many sections below this announcements section!
- ❖ -----**Calistoga UPDATE 10/2** [from Nixle](#)
- ❖ California Strong is providing financial assistance to those whose homes have been destroyed or damaged by smoke or fire in these wildfires. Please [click here for assistance](#). **Deadline is OCTOBER 2.**
- ❖ **15 tips for helping a friend who has lost their home**
- ❖ **9/16: Samaritan’s Purse has arrived in Santa Cruz County!** They are looking to **hire people** to help with personal content removal, and **are also** available to sift for free for belongings of homeowners who have lost their home in the fire. Contact 831-588-1014.
- ❖ **9/10: San Mateo County** [has declared a public health emergency](#) due to public health threat from hazardous waste from the fires.
- ❖ **One of us was on BBC World Service last night, talking about #DAT and the fires.** [Click here](#) to listen! Follow the #DAT hashtag on twitter, and Disaster Assist Team on Facebook.
- ❖ UC Davis scientists are researching the **health impacts of wildfires** on people in California. If you’ve been living in California over the past few years during any of the wildfires—including the current ones burning across the state—and are 18 or older, [please take our statewide survey online](#). The survey takes about 15-30 minutes to complete and is confidential. The information collected will help local communities and state agencies.
- ❖ **9/2: CZU fire destroyed more homes than the Loma Prieta 6.9 earthquake of 1989.** --[MercuryNews](#)
- ❖ **Offices of Emergency Services have opened Assistance Centers across wildfire counties.** They provide a host of services, including FEMA information and application assistance for financial help! If your business has been affected by the wildfires, **or** you’ve lost your home **or** had to evacuate, please [see this link \(for CA\)](#) **or your own county’s Office of Emergency Services (OES)**, and also, “FINANCIAL HELP” a few sections down this document.
- ❖ **If you've had to evacuate and leave animals to shelter-in-place,** please contact your county Animal Control Services - they will know which agency is going into evac areas to feed/water & provide wellness-checks. Have your contact info, animal location, description of animal/s & any temperament or health issues that may place personnel at risk. They will also be able to tell you where/when to pick up your pets! We'll add contacts below for each county.
- ❖ **If you lost your home, or were evacuated, be sure to sign up for FEMA (see Financial Help section, below).** **"FEMA offers Individual Assistance** after a disaster to help begin your recovery. Our Individual Assistance page offers you a look at the steps and options available to you."**DO THIS IS AS SOON AS**

YOU ARE ABLE! Registering online, [HERE](#), is the quickest way to register for FEMA assistance. If you are unable to access the internet, you can also call 800-621-3362, & see “Financial Help” section.

❖ Evacuees in CA may be eligible for **free rides from Uber**. Use code CAFIRE2020.

❖ **Evacuated? SAVE. EVERY. RECEIPT.**

❖ *"We are a group of Campfire Survivors and Helpers who would like to pay it forward to Survivors and Evacuees of the California Fires. We all understand what you are going through. We know the fear and anxiety of the unknown. Our hearts and prayers are with you. ❤️ 🙏 Please feel free to [join this group](#) and post your needs. We are a nonprofit working with other nonprofits to bring in supplies. We are also a safe place to talk and get support for what you are going through. Campfire is very grateful for the help we received in our time of need. Now it's time to pay it forward. Please feel free to PM me for any information. Stay safe and know you are loved. We are posting information and resources for you, as well."* [Alyssa Nolan-Cain](#)

***** This doc is organized with categories relevant to ALL FIRES (animal help, financial help, medical needs, mental health, offers, veterans), followed by information specific to each affected Northern CA county. Please check both places if you are in Northern CA. “Financial Help” has important info on filing for FEMA, insurance claims, and financial assistance for anyone in a disaster. *****

RETURNING HOME

❖ *Debris Clean-Up, Risk Reduction information from Santa Cruz County: list of what you can and cannot remove, environmental health evaluation, mudslide risk reduction, etc. [See link here](#). Please make sure there is nothing smoldering on your property, and if so, call CalFire. Phase 1 cleanup starts week of Sep 28! Visit [here for info](#).*

❖ **9/16: Samaritan's Purse has arrived.** They are looking to hire people to help with personal content removal, and are also available to sift for free for belongings of homeowners who have lost their home in the fire. Contact 831-588-1014. They are parked at Felton Bible Church, 5999 Graham Hill Rd., Felton. Their truck is full of free PPE for sifters/homeowners, water, tools, etc. They are wonderful in every large CA fire. (They may also be available in other fire zone areas--call their number, above, for info.)

❖ For a map and detailed list of areas remaining under an unsafe water alert, see [slvwd.com](#). Water district customers without safe water access can refill or pick up cases of water at the district Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, in Boulder Creek. Those unable to pick up water may be eligible for delivery, and are asked to email customerservice@slvwd.com or call 831-338-2153. San Lorenzo Valley has [published a FAQ](#) about the **water situation** there.

❖ **Repopulation kits** are now available at Beauregard Vineyards, 10 Pine Flat Rd., Santa Cruz; and Waldorf School, 2190 Empire Grade; and Felton covered bridge park, Graham Hill Rd. at Mt. Hermon Rd.

❖ **HOUSEHOLD WASTE in San Lorenzo Valley:** Ben Lomond Transfer Station is open seven days a week to help serve the needs of those impacted by the fire.. 9835 Newell Creek Rd, Ben Lomond. Household waste accepted, no fire-damaged items at this time.

- ❖ **9/2: Bottled water distribution at the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's Operations Building - 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek. [Water impact map](#). To see if your specific neighborhood is still in the affected zone and to see all details of the notice [please visit SLV Water's website](#).**

➤ **Even if not in that affected area, check with your city/county water department website to see whether or not you can drink the water when returning home!** Often, old plastic pipes melt, and/or toxins leach into the water after a fire. If there is a water problem in your area, *use bottled water only*. There are several bottled water companies (search "home delivery spring water") which service homes and businesses in the affected areas; some grocery stores (e.g., Whole Foods) offer distilled water for a reasonable price, bring your own containers. Usually, when this happens in fires, water providers step in and provide water for a reduced fee. Do not bathe with contaminated water!

See www.fire.ca.gov "post wildfire" for info and electrical safety tips.

- Note that emergency vehicles and personnel are likely to still be in your area. Drive with caution.
- **Ash clean-up:** Note that ash is still falling in some areas. Ash can get into your lungs, and particulates into your and your pets' bloodstreams. They also scratch vehicle finishes. Rinse off carefully and do not scrub. Use an N95 mask if you have it, and do not blow ash dust or allow leaf blowers around your home. Instead, dampen the ash and carefully sweep it up. Wash ash off your foliage, first. Ash + water = lye, which is an acid. Keep birdbaths and pet water bowls filled with FRESH water.
- ****IMPORTANT: See this link for safety precautions before you do ash clean-up!**** 📌
[Cleaning Up and Removing Smoke Odor](#) (<--- From the Red Cross)
- **9/3: Cal Fire urges residents to create defensible space as they return home. This area is unusual in that most people did NOT have defensible space around their homes, and many lost them. Here's a [short video](#)** Cal Fire CZU put together about creating defensible space, with an ASL interpreter.
- **This information was conveyed by FEMA after the Camp Fire only for those destroyed properties which are subject to toxin clean-up:** They do remove vehicles on property & not just in a garage unless they're the only thing on property that was burned. They will clean up the debris on the rest of the property. Do not place anything INSIDE the ash zone that was not there before. Rinse the ash off anything you want to move to another part of your property so they do not take them (plant pots, etc.). Cleanup starts in areas where there are creeks and waterways first, then areas where there are schools, hospitals, then where majority of neighbors live. They won't cut trees unless hazardous to workers. Trees marked to be cut are for PG&E. Do NOT cut down trees until after they do cleanup (falling trees disturb ash). Have insurance pay for tree removal first. They won't file with insurance companies for 1-2 years. Hold on to all receipts and documentation. *Tip from homeowner: Consider marking septic & leach field with colored tape & rebar to make sure they don't drive over them.*
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📌 Coming home after a wildfire can be difficult. As evacuations are lifted please review the safety steps when returning to your home after a wildfire [HERE](#) and here:

- ❖ Once a wildfire has burned through an area, many dangers could remain. Firefighters and utility workers begin restoring fire-damaged areas as soon as they can. Making the area safe for the public can take multiple days. Stay out of the evacuation area until fire officials tell you it is safe to return. It is extremely important to be aware of the hazards and know what to look for when the evacuation order is lifted. Trees are falling, and ash pits remain. Tree trunks are still burning. Holes under trails and roads can collapse sections.
- ❖ When driving, watch for trees, brush, and rocks, which may have been weakened or loosened by the fire. Be aware of any debris or damage on roads and driveways. Continue to use caution in the area. Traffic may be delayed, or lanes reduced due to the repair and firefighter operations.
- ❖ Use extreme caution around trees, power poles and other tall objects or structures that may have been weakened by fire. Be aware that trees with deep charring are weakened. Smoldering holes in the ground can be full of hot coals and white ash. This is evidence of hot material and should be avoided.
- ❖ Before inspecting your home, check for the smell of gas. Use a battery-powered flashlight to inspect a damaged home. Check for hot embers in rain gutters, on the roof, under overhangs, under decks and crawl spaces. Be sure your wood and debris piles are not hiding any embers. Check for embers in the attic which may have entered through vents.
- ❖ If electricity is off, before turning it on, make sure all appliances are turned off. If the electric meter has any visible damage, do not attempt to turn the breakers on. If there are electrical wires on the ground, stay clear and contact your local utility company immediately.
- ❖ Do not drink water from the faucet until emergency officials say it is okay, water supply systems can be damaged and become polluted during wildfires.
- ❖ Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke, flood waters, or soot. Items in your refrigerator are also spoiled and need to be discarded.
- ❖ If you have a propane tank or natural gas, leave valves closed until the supplier or utilities can inspect your system. If your propane or utility services have any visible damage to the gas meter, gas lines or propane tank, do not attempt to repair. Call your local propane company or utility.
- ❖ If you have a heating oil tank system, contact a heating oil supplier for an inspection of your system before you use it.
- ❖ If you have a solar electrical system, this system should be inspected by a licensed technician to verify that the solar panels and electrical wiring are safe for continual operation.
- ❖ For more information on returning home after a wildfire and other great tips visit:

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/post-wildfire/after-a-wildfire/>

📌 If your home is close to a wildfire area and you're returning to it after an evacuation order has been lifted, here is a post-evacuation [checklist](#) of things to consider. (From UpHelp Org)

📌 [16 do's and don'ts when you return home after a wildfire](#): Tips insurance agents can share on what homeowners should & shouldn't do when returning home after a wildfire.

📌 [Insurance Companies](#) (<-- by state & by company; w/ contact information). Also make sure to file with FEMA if you incurred expenses while evacuated or need to be rehoused!

📌 [Post-Disaster Insurance Guide | SBP](#)

[How to help a friend who's lost a home in the wildfire.](#)

Also see “Financial Help” section, & your county section if in No CA, below.

FIRES INTRO

- *Specific fire info can be found under your county, below*

Please text your zip code to 888777 to enroll in [NIXLE alerts](#) for evacuation notices and local government instructions.

Also see each county, below.

Tzu Chi, generous and wonderful in every California wildfire, are announcing **emergency financial assistance to individuals in the Lightning Complex fires** whose homes sustained major damage. Sign up now to get started: [register here](#) by *September 30th*. Hotline: 408-256-0571 Email: relief-nc@tzuchi.us We (#DAT) trust and vouch for them.

[HOW TO USE TWITTER](#), *for seniors (you can see the feeds w/o an account!)*

[Satellite Fire Map](#) (Topography Map) (use as infrequently as you can to avoid overrunning the site)

Alert Wildfire [Cameras](#)

[California Fire Map & Tracker](#)

CEDR | List Of Evacuation Maps By County, [CLICK HERE](#)

#FIREMAPPERS | Map of Evacuation Maps [CLICK HERE](#)

(This tool is incredibly useful. Choose your county and the county's situational awareness map comes up!)

CEDR | Interactive Evacuation Center Map (also see below): [CLICK HERE](#)

Red Cross Shelters (there are non-RC shelters, too, see below), [CLICK HERE](#)

Road Closures, [CLICK HERE](#); [CalTrans QuickMaps](#)

[Where To Find Information During California Fire Season](#) (this is a great resource w/ social media & scanner links included)

[CalFire: Prepare For Wildfire](#)

PRICE GOUGING: (including gas): It's illegal to charge more than 10% above the price charged/advertised day before declaration of emergency (Penal Code sec. 396) *Report by going to the Attorney General's [website](#) or by calling (800) 952-5225.*

ANIMAL HELP

Also see your county section, below

- ***Disaster Assist Team | California Animal Doc:*** This is an excellent resource for [animal evacuation preparation, evac resources, and help](#), across California. This is that excellent resource for [all states](#). (Use as a *planning* resource - we add as we go, so you *will not* find info for all counties.)

See “Animal Boarding” below for animal shelter, fosters.

Red Rover: list of current [animal sheltering resources](#), by fire & region/county, for major August 2020 fires. (Includes hotel & boarding info.)

A comprehensive list of folks in NorCal, organized by county, who can offer hauling and/or sheltering (both livestock & equine) evacuation assistance, can be found [here](#). Great work by [Lake County Horse Council](#)!!

Bay Area Equestrian Network Find individuals/stables offering hauling &/or sheltering evacuation assistance in the Bay Area [here](#). (Comprehensive list of folks from many different cities/towns!)

Phone: 800-943-8883 or 925-484-0395

Email: info@bayequest.com

Twitter: [@bayequest](#) or [BAEN | FB](#)

-----ANIMAL RESCUE/LOST PETS

See individual counties for animal rescue in that county. (1) Across ALL counties, the Cow Palace in Daly City is [accepting livestock and horses](#)! 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City 415-404-4100. (2) Across ALL counties, VCA Animal Hospitals are offering FREE **two week** boarding for pets of evacuees ([see article here](#); search for [nearby location](#) here).

If your pet has been microchipped, [please look up/register your pet for free here](#). Santa Cruz veterinarians are practicing, and can microchip your pet for you. *This is the single best way to ensure you'll get your pet back if you have to evacuate, or your pet is lost.*

Injured wildlife? See wildlife information, below.

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[Cats In The Bag](#) - this is a great site. Info on: Searching For Your Pet; Indoor-Only Personality Profiles; Indoor-Only Cats (or Timid Cats); Outdoor-Access Cats; Feral (or Born of Feral); Psychology and the Missing Cat (Thanks, Julie Taylor Day!)

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-----HELP WILDLIFE

Take injured Santa Cruz Mountain fires (#CZULightningComplex) wildlife to wonderful [Native Animal Rescue](#) in Santa Cruz (link includes what to do when you find them), and consider donating to them, too. They are a wonderful, small, local, long-time rescue.

Injured wildlife in the LNU Lightning Complex fires area can go to: [Tri County Wildlife Care](#) in Sutter Creek, CA. Phone: (209) 283-3245

Wildlife are fleeing the fire zone. If you're near the fire, you may notice more birds than usual, or rabbits hopping across roadways, an increase in squirrels, raccoons, and so on. Let them pass through your yard, consider putting out peanuts for them if you have them, and keep your bird feeders full. No-shell sunflower seeds are the favorite food of most local birds and squirrels.

Keep a bird bath filled with **clean water** or provide shallow, **clean** dishes of water. Put out full buckets of **clean** water in your yard if you're in a rural area (firefighters are requesting you do this before evacuating, too, because they can use them). Hose down the foliage in your yard once a day to provide a **cleaner** spot for wildlife and water droplets for butterflies, and that bees can take back to their hives between their feet.

Injured Wildlife | CA Rehabber Contact List [CLICK HERE](#)

  [Animal Help Now](#)

Phone: 303-543-0755

Site Help: How-To | 2-min Vid [HERE](#)

Input address or area and a list of Small & Lg Mammal, Bat, Raptor, Bird, Reptile & Marine Wildlife Rehabilitators, Rehab Centers, Hotlines & Veterinarians who treat Wildlife will appear!

Wildlife Emergency [CLICK HERE](#)

Animal Help Now also provides guidance on how to handle a DOMESTIC ANIMAL EMERGENCY (lost cat, neglected dog, starved horses, etc.).

-----ANIMAL BEHAVIOR HELP

Animals echo our emotions. They are exquisitely attuned to us. If your pet seems upset, they are reacting not only to changes in environment, but to changes in you. Try to be as calm as you can around your pet, to keep routines steady, and to pay attention--making frequent eye-contact. When we are stressed, we naturally focus on "getting it done," and tend to forget to stop and stroke or speak softly to our animal friends. Animals are unlike humans, in that they live in a continual present. (Their nervous systems "record" trauma and pain, so they may react to a particular sound or smell, but they don't think, "oh no, this thing that happened is happening again!" when it's not, or "what is going to happen next?") Because of that, they can do a bit better with trauma than do humans.

Large **dogs** seem to have more trouble with trauma after fire. *Advice from Kathi Richards:* You need a tool bag for your dog. In the bag, have Rescue Remedy, CBD oil, thunder shirt, homeopathic remedy Aconite 30c, essential oils from Animaleo (Transition, Strength, and Calm-a-Mile). Provide training time, walking time, cuddle time. Get into a routine. Dogs thrive on routine. Walks and training time you can do now. Do basic training, sit, stay, lie down. Give rewards and quiet time. Do 5-minute sessions to start with (at a regular time).

Is your **dog** whining, crying, anxious? [Dog Music Therapy video](#). Dog with behavior issues since the fire? Wolf Mountain Dog training in Grass Valley may be able to help. 530-273-0703

Cats: Cats are very sensitive to changes in their environment. They thrive on routine, eye contact, and the steady presence of their humans. Give your cat a place to hide--this is crucial when they are traumatized or stress. Under furniture, in a cardboard box with a lid, in a cavern made of pillows. Try to speak softly around your cat, and leave kitty alone if s/he is

not in the room with you. Pay extra attention to cleaning the litter box and giving nutritious food without a lot of fillers. Avoid commercial cat treats with preservatives. If your cat's digestive system is upset, give your kitty canned organic pumpkin -- they love it, and it helps hydrate them, too. It's good for both diarrhea and constipation. If your kitty has diarrhea, do not feed regular food for a day, and instead provide lots of water and organic pumpkin.

Birds may need cloth over their cage for more hours in the day than is typical. Change water and clean cage more frequently (indoor air will be less pure than usual), and speak softly. Birds can recognize change in the quality of the light from smoke and haze and fireglow.

-----ANIMAL HEALTH

Consider sprinkling a portion of an *activated charcoal tablet* on your pet's food if your pet is been out in smoke/particulate air, or has walked on ash. Activated charcoal adsorbs unwanted material from the gut, and will not harm your animal in small quantities, given with water (and pumpkin!). It also eliminates diarrhea relatively quickly. See your vet if diarrhea continues beyond two days or contains any blood, and be sure to hydrate your pet. [Remember that clear air still can contain particulates, and those lodge in the lungs of pets and humans and can form blood clots; avoid taking your animal outside in times of poor air quality (airnow.gov).]

[The Horse | Smoke From Wildfires and Horse Respiratory Health](#)

[UC DAVIS | Guidelines for Horses Exposed to Wildfire Smoke](#)

[AVMA | Wildfire Smoke and Animals](#)

Tips to protect your pets & livestock.

[DOG BOOTIES](#) (for walking in ash areas--send them a tweet or contact via website!)

-----VET BILLS, FOOD, SVCS

- [DAT | Financial Aid: Vet Care, Pet Food Pantries & Senior/ Special Needs Pets](#)
- [Here is a long list of sources for help with vet bills, in general.](#)
- [Here is Best Friends list of all kinds of sources for cat vet care help, and their general vet help resource article.](#)
- The following also provide assistance with vet bills: (1) [Red Rover has a financial assistance program for vet bills!](#) (Red Rover is a great organization, who help in all No CA fires!) (2) [The Big Hearts Fund](#) (3) [Cats in](#)

[Crisis](#) (4) [Diabetic Cats in Need](#) (5) [Frankie's Friends](#) (6) [Handicapped Pets Foundation](#) (7) [Labrador Life Line](#) (8) [The Mosby Foundation](#) (9) [The Onyx and Breezy Foundation](#) (10) [Paws 4 A Cure](#) (11) [The Pet Fund](#) (non-basic, non-urgent care--contact by email first) (12) [Pets-DC](#) (13) [Shakespeare Animal Fund](#) (14) [Star Relief](#) (providing help to victims of domestic violence, displaced fire pets, low income, disabilities, homeless with pets, military members, seniors so you can keep your pets!)

- [Golden Gate Vet Compounding Pharmacy](#) has always offered a 30-day supply of free pet medication for fire survivors--contact them here: 888-855-6337.
- [Alley Cat Allies](#) Resources list for cats (and for caring for feral cats/setting up community feeding programs — this is useful after a fire!)
- **DECEASED ANIMALS:** “I am here to help with any pets who were lost to the fire. I can try to help with cremation arrangements or whatever their families would like.” Contact [Margie](#).

-----ANIMAL BOARDING

Also see your county section, below! All Red Cross shelters take pets. Have supplies, food, litter (if appropriate) and be prepared to keep them with you. Some shelters are being supported by Animal Control, meaning they will take your pet and shelter him/her.

***IMPORTANT: BEFORE giving your pet to a shelter, please mark your phone number on their belly with a Sharpie, AND, if you can, put a collar on them with your name, pet's name, and your phone number, and an out of area contact as well, stapled to it securely. Also, TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU WITH YOUR ANIMAL/S.** Hundreds of pets disappeared from Camp Fire evacuation shelters in the early days of the fire, and were never located. This is common; it's very hard to keep track of hundreds or thousands of evacuated pets during a disaster!*

Always check animal sheltering offers in neighboring counties and use your county Animal Services/Control to locate animal evacuation sites. Another useful agency, especially for horse & livestock owners, is your local Cooperative Extension Office - find your local office [HERE](#), and follow their social media. County Horse Councils are also great resources.

- The Cow Palace in Daly City is [accepting livestock and horses](#)! 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City 415-404-4100.
- **Red Rover:** List of current [animal sheltering resources](#), by fire & region/county, for major August 2020 fires. (Includes hotel & boarding info.)

- For **hauling & boarding** for horses and livestock — across ALL FIRES, please contact [Carrie Coe](#), who is maintaining a list of resources she can match you with. You can send a PM via Facebook or text her at 415-298-1170. Please include: your contact info; for hauling: from where to where; which fire/ county animals are in; what type & how many animals; any temperament issues your animal may have.
- A comprehensive list of **folks in NorCal, organized by county, who can offer hauling and/or boarding** (both livestock & equine) evacuation assistance, can be found [here](#). Great work by [Lake County Horse Council!!](#)
- [Bay Area Equestrian Network](#) Find **individuals/stables offering hauling &/or boarding** evacuation assistance in the Bay Area [here](#). (Comprehensive list of folks from many different cities/towns!) Phone: 800-943-8883 or 925-484-0395 Email: info@bayequest.com Twitter: [@bayequest](#) or [BAEN | FB](#)
- [Quail Point Hunting Club](#) is taking in animals: 530-735-6517, Sonnie [CLICK HERE](#).
- [Sugarland Ranch](#) 41070 Co Rd 18C, Woodland, CA 95776. We have **space to take in evacuated horses!** Please call Danika Fleming 530-401-1468, Joel Fleming 916-343-6843, Maddy Kent 971-275-5976, or Brandis Langston 510-209-5347. We can also help with hauling.
- [VCA Animal Hospitals](#) are offering **FREE two week boarding** for pets of evacuees ([see article here](#); search for [nearby location](#) here).
- **Margie Estberg is offering fostering** for: a medium to large dog (must be cat and chicken friendly and will have a canine playmate; no pits, please) in Oroville (Butte County); 2 horses; bonded pair of horses; single horse. “All possible fosters are personal friends of mine, and I would trust them with my life.” (NOTE: DAT completely trusts Margie. Contact her [on FB here](#) or Text: 502-457-9247 (Jenn)
- [Trail Brothers at Gibson Ranch](#) is temporarily **boarding displaced horses** in our 20 stall mare motel. If you’ve been displaced by one of the ongoing fires and need a place to board your horse or horses, bring them to Gibson Ranch Regional Park. Horses should arrive with their own feed. Please call ahead to make sure space is available. For more information and to reserve a stall, contact Zachary Leyden at 916-250-7272 or [email](#).
- **Long Shot Ranch - Wheatland 10 stalls available.** Can also haul if needed. 20 ft stock trailer 916-765-2097
- **Wag Hotels** is taking in **small pets** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information
- [Leone Equestrians](#): 6213 Excelsior Rd, Sacramento, CA 95829, in Sacramento County is offering **free horse boarding**. Ph: (916) 531-2969. See [HERE](#).
- [Paso Robles Horse Park](#) is open for fire evacuees: 3801 Hughes Pkwy, Paso Robles, CA 93446 (SLO County). Phone: 805-369-1338. See [HERE](#).

- [Jessica Anne Gregg](#) has **5 stalls and 2 fenced pastures** in Cool, CA (El Dorado County). Access to hauling in a 2 horse slant and plenty of friends around the neighborhood if more space is needed. She can be reached at 530-613-5406.
- [East Bay SPCA](#): "We're standing by and ready to **take in and board pets** at our Oakland location for anyone who may have lost their home or has been evacuated. For more information and to request boarding, please contact us at shelterleadership@eastbayspca.org or call 510-569-0702." [8323 Baldwin St, Oakland, CA 94621] See [HERE](#).
- [Fog City Dogs](#), a doggie daycare and hotel in San Francisco, is offering **free dog boarding** to evacuees from any of the wildfires in the Bay Area. They are also offering free daycare and boarding to all first responders and firefighters directly fighting the fires as well. You can reach Fog City Dogs by phone at (415) 642-3647 or email: info@fogcitydogs.com.

ITEMS, SERVICES OFFERS

Offers of help across counties can be found here; also see your individual county section, below

[24 Hour Fitness](#) is offering free use for first responders in the California wildfires.

Free mattress set from livingspaces.com: All fire victims of any CA fire who have a FEMA determination letter or insurance award letter (or proof of address this time, probably) can get a free [Series 4 mattress](#) in any size + free foundation! Living Spaces have provided thousands of new mattresses to evacuees over the past few years. (FEMA is not yet activated in our fires.)

[Needhub World](#) Facebook group — "where you come to get what you need. And donate what you have to give." This group was incredibly helpful during the Camp Fire Recovery, as Survivors began to piece their lives back together.

[Intellihelp USA](#) Facebook group — the way this group works is: people in need post what it is they're in need of with #ask - ONLY essential needs, to support temporary survival, are allowed. Needs are fulfilled by angel donors and good Samaritans.

[The California Association of REALTORS®](#) The C.A.R. Disaster Relief Fund was established in the wake of the devastating 2003 California wildfires and provides grants for REALTORS®, employees of REALTORS® and association staff who have incurred loss and/or financial hardship(s).

If you have been affected by the

wildfires, or a recent natural disaster and need assistance, you may apply for a grant from the C.A.R. Disaster Relief Fund. You may email disasterrelief@car.org, call (213) 739-8297, or apply via the above link.

U-Haul® is now offering 30 days of free self-storage to residents affected by the Elkhorn Fire (or the 3-4 Fire) in western Tehama County, as well as the **California Lightning Complex fires in the Bay Area**. Evacuation orders have been issued to residents, creating an immediate need for secure locations where personal belongings can be stored. Five more U-Haul facilities have been made available to help, in addition to the three stores that were announced Thursday to assist residents impacted by the fires in and around Vacaville. See [HERE](#).

Fire Evacuees can place requests specifically for **Restaurants/ DoorDash Cards** donations, [HERE](#).

'Items for Bay Area Fire Evacuees' [spreadsheet](#) where you can add your needs and view offers.

There are a lot of wonderful resources being posted in this Facebook group: [Bay Area Families Helping LNU, CZU & SCU Fire Victims](#)

FINANCIAL HELP

Offers of help across counties can be found here; also see your individual county section, below

Tzu Chi, generous and wonderful in every California wildfire, are announcing **emergency financial assistance to individuals in the Lightning Complex fires** whose homes sustained major damage. Sign up now to get started: [register here](#) by *September 30th*. Hotline: 408-256-0571 Email: relief-nc@tzuchi.us We (#DAT) trust and vouch for them.

- ❖ **9/20:** 2-1-1 is managing the registration of fire impacted individuals and households for the Santa Cruz County Long Term Disaster Recovery Group – a collaboration of more than 50 organizations working to address unmet needs through volunteer assistance, in-kind donations as well as, in some cases, financial aid. Please [visit here](#) and complete the intake form to start the process and a 2-1-1 Outreach team member will contact you to discuss your needs and get you connected to resources and assistance for which you qualify. **DAT NOTE: We cannot emphasize enough how helpful case management is!**

-----**FEMA, SBA**

FEMA deadline 10/21 for Dolan Fire!

FEMA is the agency that activates and sets up a center in fire-ravaged counties to provide immediate financial and relocation assistance to evacuees, **both homeowners and renters!** Santa Cruz County's FEMA Recovery Center is located at the Kaiser arena tent on Front Street. [Here is the page to check](#) for more info. **REGISTER FOR FEMA**

ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE!! Registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov is the quickest way to register for FEMA assistance. If you are unable to access the internet, you can also call at **1-800-621-3362, or visit your local FEMA Center (see your county section).**

FEMA has activated the Individuals and Households Program (IHP) following the President's Major Disaster Declaration. Residents affected by the 2020 California Wildfires can apply for assistance on the Disaster Assistance [website](#). If your primary residence is in a county affected by the wildfires, you are in need of short-term housing, rehabilitation loans or other needs assistance, which includes a diverse spectrum ranging from child care to prescriptions, contact them.

There are multiple programs available and registering for assistance will provide referral links, where applicable, to additional assistance programs which include [Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) loans, home rehabilitation 203 loans and [USDA agricultural loans](#) as well as other types of cash and non-cash assistance.

- [FEMA Region IX](#)
- [Twitter: @femaregion9](#)
- [FEMA Region IX | FB](#)

➡ FEMA offers [Individual Assistance](#) after a disaster to help begin your recovery. **“Our Individual Assistance page offers you a look at the steps and options available to you.”**

➡ FEMA: [Find Help](#) this tool will help you see what you may be eligible for.

If your FEMA claim is rejected: DID YOU KNOW...If you receive a letter from FEMA stating you are not eligible for assistance, it DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN YOUR CASE IS CLOSED! It is relatively common for claims to be initially denied! Sometimes people do not qualify for financial help right away. Some of the reasons for an initial turn down can be: You might not have gotten your insurance settlement; You may not have given FEMA all the information they need; You haven't given proof of ownership or residence; You may not have returned the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan application; You may not have provided records that showed the damaged property was the primary residence at the time of the disaster; You may not have signed essential documents. Bottom line – these letters are the START of a conversation between you and FEMA, NOT NECESSARILY THE END. FEMA is there to serve you – the disaster survivor – and it is your right to ask them to reconsider their decision. How to APPEAL FEMA DENIAL:

If you receive a letter saying that you are ineligible or that your application is incomplete, this does not necessarily mean you will not receive help – you have the right to appeal the decision within 60 days of date of mailed notification letter. [THIS IS AN IMPERATIVE DATE. REMEMBER IT.]

An appeal is a written request to review your file again with additional information you provide that may affect the decision. You may appeal any decision provided by FEMA regarding your Individual Assistance.

Appeals may relate to your initial eligibility decisions, the amount or type of assistance provided to you, late applications, requests to return money, or a denial of Continued Temporary Housing Assistance. Prior to requesting an appeal review, you should review your file with a FEMA helpline agent at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA), or (TTY)

1-800-462-7585, or request a copy of your file from FEMA so you can understand why you received the decision you want to appeal. Follow these steps to appeal the decision:

- Explain in writing why you think the decision about the amount or type of assistance you received is not correct. You, or your co-applicant, must sign the letter.
- If you choose to have a third party submit an appeal on your behalf, the appeal letter must be signed by the third party. Additionally, please include a statement signed by you authorizing the third party to appeal on your behalf.
- To assist in identifying your registration, you should include your FEMA registration number (shown at the top of your decision letter), last four digits of your social security number, or full name.
- Please also include any supporting documents, such as contractor estimates, with your appeal request.
- File online at DisasterAssistance.gov -OR- Mail your appeal letter to (make CERTAIN to date your letter): FEMA - Appeals Officer, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055 -OR- you can fax your appeal letter to: (800) 827-8112, Attention: FEMA - Appeals Officer

IMPORTANT: To be considered, your appeal letter must be postmarked within 60 days of the date of the decision letter. Remember to date your letters. All appeals are reviewed. Decisions usually are made within 30 days of receiving the request. Additional information may be requested from you if FEMA does not have enough information to make a decision. You will be notified by mail of the response to your appeal.

-----INSURANCE HELP

[United Policyholders \(UP\)](#) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that does not take money from insurance companies and whose mission is to be a trustworthy and useful information resource for consumers of all types of insurance. (**DAT note:** UP is a trusted source for consumers, and has helped fire survivors in fires all over CA for several years.) [Their website](#) has information about [debris removal](#) and a [checklist on what to do after a fire](#) (also see, “returning home” section, near the top of this document). They are presently at the Recovery Center on Front Street, Kaiser arena.

[This is a great tool to use to estimate your fire losses.](#)

[Insurance Companies](#) (<-- by state & by company; w/ contact information). Also make sure to file with FEMA if you incurred expenses while evacuated or need to be rehoused! See “Financial Help” section, below.

[Post-Disaster Insurance Guide | SBP](#)

-----FINANCIAL STRESS

UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment assistance for fire victims: Employees and self-employed people who lost their jobs or businesses or had their work hours substantially reduced because of the wildfires — but do not qualify for other forms of state or federal unemployment benefits — can apply for temporary benefits from the federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance program. They must live in one of the following counties declared disaster areas: Lake, Napa,

Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. The program provides up to \$450 a week for up to 27 weeks beginning the week of Aug. 16. To apply, go to the [EDD's website here](#) or call 1-800-300-5616. [How to apply for unemployment during COVID.](#)

TAXES: The California Franchise Tax Board has extended *state* income tax filing deadlines for people in disaster areas as declared by the governor or the president. They now have until Dec. 15, instead of Oct. 15, to file their 2019 tax return. The deadline for paying any taxes due for 2019 are not eligible for relief because they were due July 15 this year, before the fires started. On Monday, the IRS extended federal tax-filing deadlines for people in Lake, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also said it would provide grants and loans to people and businesses affected by the wildfires in the same eight counties--see above under FEMA for information.

The IRS also provides [tax relief](#) for victims of California wildfires; Oct. 15 deadline, other dates extended to Dec. 15. For ways that the IRS helps, see: [Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Businesses](#)

FOOD HELP: Evacuees may see if they qualify for **CalFresh food assistance** by applying online on a mobile device or computer [HERE](#) or [HERE](#). Applications can also be taken by phone at 888-421-8080, between 8 am – 5 pm, Mon - Fri.

HEALTHCARE: [Covered California](#) is offering a special **healthcare enrollment period** for those affected by CA Wildfires.

[Cal OES | CA Wildfires Statewide Recovery Resources](#)

- **Local Assistance:** Connect with your local government to get the latest news and find other local resources.
- **Services:** Learn about health information, schools, record replacement, resources for targeted demographics and more.
- **Debris Removal:** Learn what you need to know about Debris Removal, re-entry approval and forms.
- **Housing:** Find temporary housing services and rebuilding programs.
- **Local Assistance Centers:** Local Assistance Centers (LACs) are a one-stop-shop with critical government services for residents who have been impacted by the fires.
- **Incident Overview and News:** Find more information on the incident, official proclamations, FAQs, and consumer awareness warnings.
- **Contacts:** Find contact information from multiple organizations working on the recovery efforts.

[CA Local and State Resources](#) Information about shelters and housing, food banks, employment, financial assistance and more.

LOST DOCUMENTS-- [Replacing:](#)

- DMV documents, such as driver licenses, ID cards, vehicle cards certificates/certificates of title, that were lost as a result of the disaster: 800-777-0133 (TTY 800-735-2929 or 800-368-4327 for hearing or speech impaired), or [HERE](#).

- Birth, death, and marriage records should be requested from the county recorder's office in the county where the event occurred. For more information, go [HERE](#), for a list of county recorders. Or call CDPH at 916-445-2684; TTY 7-1-1 or 800-735-2929.

PRICE GOUGING: (including gas): It's illegal to charge more than 10% above price charged/advertised the day before declaration of emergency (Penal Code sec. 396) *Report by going to the Attorney General's [website](#), or by calling (800) 952-5225.*

STUDENT LOANS: [Assistance for borrowers](#) in disaster zones. Until 12/31/20, there will be:

- No federal student loan payments;
- No interest on your federal student loan payments; and
- No garnishment of wages, Social Security and tax refunds for student loan debt collection for those in default.
- Count non-payments of federal student loan debt toward requirements for public service loan forgiveness.

MORTGAGE PAYMENTS: See DAT [mini-thread](#) on Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac CA homeowner assistance for those impacted by fire. Contact your lender and insurance company as soon as you can.

IMMEDIATE \$ NEEDS: [United Way](#) and [American Red Cross](#) (call 866-272-2237 for assistance) tend to come through with emergency funds to help fire evacuees, which takes a few days. Check with your shelter staff, and check their websites and social media often. **Local banks** are offering small emergency loans to evacuees. Check their websites now. Free food is offered at every shelter. Call creditors and utilities and tell them you are an evacuee; ask what assistance they will provide. Usually, they will allow you to miss payments until the crisis is over. (Chef Jose Andres of [World Central Kitchen](#) has arrived in Santa Cruz and will soon be offering food--they come to every disaster and do a wonderful job. (See their [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to see where they'll be & what volunteer help they'll need.)

Ease your Financial Stress: *(a) Make one financial decision at a time. (b) Track your spending. (c) Identify your financial stressors and make a plan. (d) Recognize how you deal with stress related to money. (e) Avoid temptation. (f) Remember what's important. (g) Ask for help. [Follow this link for help with these steps!](#)*

[How to get help paying bills, debt, rent, medical...](#) (NeedHelpPayingBills (.) Com)

-----LEGAL ISSUES

Disaster Legal Services: [Young Lawyers division of the American Bar Assn.](#) provides limited free help & notary services for fire survivors. Hotline: 800-345-9491. Advice & assistance about eligibility for benefits, FEMA, overpayments, sanctions, housing, tenants' rights as renters--mobile homes, subsidized housing, habitability, evictions. *No fees for services.*

See the [State Bar of California's legal guide](#) for evacuees, for records replacement and lots of other information.

-----LOST YOUR HOME?

HOMEOWNERS WITH INSURANCE:

- (1) Save all of your receipts because your home or renter's insurance may pay for "displacement costs" for temp housing, food, etc. Call your agent. See their website. Insurers are putting up info for CA wildfire losses now.
- (2) [List of all insurance company contacts & steps to take](#). They will cut you a check immediately for temporary housing expenses!
- (3) FHA (hud.gov) will likely offer its 100% (no down payment) disaster-assistance financing for both homeowners AND renters in the disaster area, as well as other benefits. You do not have to buy a home in the area you fled. This is NOT up yet, however.
- (4) Consumer Watchdog has a disaster [claims checklist](#) for those making insurance claims, from filing to receiving payment. DO NOT sign releases or waivers until you know your rights.

My house has been lost in the fire, what now? Here are some ideas for people who have suffered a loss but do not know where to start.

Start with a small list:

- 📌 Get a PO Box
- 📌 Longer term rental search - include insurance on it so they pay directly for rental. (Some help cover costs) Find a nice place that you like, don't settle. You should be able to get a "Like Property" so insurance should cover a nice place for you to live while you work through all this. You might be living here for 2 years, so choose wisely.

****Go [here](#) for a good guide to help you move through the process after a loss due to disaster. (I can't recommend them strongly enough!! ~ Jenn)****

- 📌 Find a place to buy some sturdy boots and gloves. Get some shovels.
- 📌 Start working on the personal property list (this is not fun at all, be prepared to cry we sure did). Write down the moment you remember – keep your list on phone or pad of paper with you at all times.
- 📌 Save receipts. Loss of use insurance will cover incidentals too – hairbrush, phone chargers, etc.
- 📌 As you buy things, tell the store owner your situation. Most stores will give you some level of discount as their way of helping you.
- 📌 Let people do things for you. Do you have a friend that you can send to the store to buy you some basic clothes or comfort foods? Let them do it – they want to help and you don't need to spend time doing these errands. (The 'fun' of shopping is gone...it quickly becomes a chore because you don't want a new shirt, you want the one that you always liked to wear but now it's gone and you are sad/mad.)

The Big List:

- 📌 Register at the shelters, with Red Cross and any other agency there, california FEMA, etc.
- a. Most of the aid coming in will use these lists as a point of contact and will help to ensure that you don't get left out of anything.
- b. This will be especially important should FEMA be activated, which in my opinion is very likely with the amount of devastation experienced.
- 📌 Call Homeowners/Rental insurance to trigger "Loss of Use"
- This typically will allow you to be in a "Like" property for x number of years and sometimes has a dollar limit attached and sometimes not, this is dependent on your policy.
- a. This coverage should also give you some immediate access to funds for essentials, clothes, toothbrushes, food, etc.
- b. This will also get the ball rolling for the insurance claim on your home and rebuilding/personal property Dollars.
- 📌 Get a PO Box and forward all mail to the Box.
- Use this PO Box as the mailing address on all forms you begin to fill out.
- 📌 Start Searching for a Long term rental.
- .Coordinate with your insurance company so that payments can be made directly from them using your "Loss of Use" money.
- a. Plan on renting 1-2 years, but do not necessarily sign a lease for a full two years as circumstances can change.
- 📌 Itemized List of belongings - (This is very hard but very necessary for your claim)
- I would organize by room and list everything that was there with a replacement cost. (you will cry a lot doing this and that is ok)
- a. Replacement Cost should be what it would cost to replace not on sale from pottery barn, it should not be the price you paid for it with that 50% off coupon.
- b. Make sure you list everything, even if it is above and beyond your policy limit. This is very important because everything above and beyond the policy limit is considered a Loss and can be claimed as such on your taxes - See #9
- 📌 Call all of your utilities and either freeze or cancel service.
- Electric, Gas, TV, Landline phone.
- Newspaper delivery, either cancel or update to PO Box.
- 📌 Call the rest of your insurance points as needed.
- Car insurance
- a. Any specialty insurance for unique items
- 📌 Permits - An unfortunate necessity.
- Debris Removal - as things wind down it will be necessary to remove the debris, this requires a permit usually. (This should be covered by your insurance, we had to force the issue but ask repeatedly.)
- a. Erosion Control - If you are on any kind of hill or have sloped property you will need to put some sort of erosion control measures in place, again this will need some sort of permit.
- b. Temporary Power Pole/Trailer on site Permit - Getting this earlier on can prove helpful in both the rebuilding process.
- 📌 Taxes

You will be able to claim the monetary loss of the value of all your items minus what you receive from your insurance company. I'm unfamiliar with the exact laws, but I believe that we were able to carry our losses back 2-5 years and received most of the money that we had paid in taxes back in a nice large check.

📌 Network with others. You will learn so much from others as you go through the rebuilding process. We all have our strengths so share yours and use others. The amount of time that you will spend on the rebuild, insurance, recovery process is staggering so you need to use all your resources.

-----SMALL BUSINESS HELP

U.S. Small Business Administration Virtual Business Recovery Center and Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center for [Lighting Complex fire-related difficulties](#), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday. Email FOCWAssistance@sba.gov or call 916-735-1500. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. Economic injury assistance for small businesses is available to businesses regardless of any property damage.

-----ARTISTS' & WRITERS' GRANTS, HELP

People and organizations in the arts, please see the below. (**Note: I have not checked these links since a year ago, but most are reliable over time**):

- (1) [artsready](#) for help with post-disaster recovery, disaster prep, grants, support; free membership;
- (2) [CERF+](#), the artists' safety net for discounts, donations, supplies, equipment and apply for their [Emergency grants to artists via CERF+](#), California wildfire specific, and [email](#) for counseling and referrals to artists searching for emergency resources.
- (3) The [Joan Mitchell Foundation](#) emergency artist grants;
- (4) [The Actors' Fund](#), provides grants to those working in performing arts (dancers, stagehands, musicians);
- (5) [Art Deadline](#), art world's source for income/exhibition opportunities, with deadlines.
- (6) Emergency grants up to \$1K for artists in all disciplines needing help with rent, medical expenses, utility bills, fire damage, etc. Call Change, Inc. at 212-473-3742 for instructions (leave a clear, concise message).
- (7) NY Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) offers a list of emergency funds for US artists in many disciplines affected by recent natural disasters. Go to www.nyfa.org, mouse over the "for artists" tab near the top for drop-down menu, click on NYFA Source-the resource for artists, and from that page, click on Emergency Resources near the bottom.
- (8) American Society of Journalists and Authors, [Writers' Emergency Assistance Fund](#): up to \$3,500 for freelance, published writers unable to work due to illness, disability, natural disaster. Membership not required. Not for works or projects. Email weaf@asja.org or call 212-997-0947.

- (9) The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation [emergency grants program](#) provides up to \$15,000 (average is \$5K) to painters, sculptors, or printmakers who've worked for at least 10 years and are facing an unforeseen, catastrophic incident--flood, fire, or emergency medical need. See link above, 202-226-0581, [email](#).
- (10) The Carnegie Fund for Authors [grants emergency assistance](#) to needy writers who've published at least one book by a traditional publisher to help in times of natural disaster. Not for projects.
- (11) [Writer's Emergency Fund](#), for acute emergencies. Editors and column writers also eligible.
- (12) [Artists' Charitable Fund](#) provides financial assistance due to fire, medical or other disaster. Call 970-577-0509.
- (13) The Haven Foundation provides grants to professional freelance artists (authors, actors, singers, producers, musicians, etc.). [Application here](#).

-----JOB HELP

Here are some great **resume writing tools**: <https://www.myperfectresume.com/> and <https://www.resume.com/builder>. You can also go to the [Alliance for Workforce Development](#) to get help creating a resume. (They are now hiring in northern Bay Area counties.)

[CalJobs](#) has a LOT of resources to help with your search, including FREE online and classroom courses and training and tools about each part of CA (labor market, area profile, industry profile) to prepare you for all kinds of careers.

- ❖ **9/16: Samaritan's Purse has arrived. They are looking to hire people to help with personal content removal, and are also available to sift for free for belongings of homeowners** who have lost their home in the fire. Contact 831-588-1014. They are parked at Felton Bible Church, 5999 Graham Hill Rd., Felton. Their truck is full of free PPE for sifters/homeowners, water, tools, etc. They are wonderful in every large CA fire. (They may also be present in other fire zones--call the number and see!)

MEDICAL NEEDS

Offers of help across counties can be found here; also see your individual county section, below

Please note: PG&E will reduce your bill if you are reliant on medical equipment or have particular medical heating/cooling needs. See information about the Medical Baseline Program on the [PGE website](#).

KIDNEY NEEDS: AKF has ACTIVATED its Disaster Relief Program for kidney patients affected by the wildfires. Patients needing assistance should [contact a dialysis center social worker](#) or call directly to 1-800-795-3226. Financial support is available.

DISABILITY NEEDS: DOR's FAST and VEST teams are assisting with the CZU Lightning Complex—ready to help those with a disability or access and functional need. Go to <https://disabilitydisasteraccess.org> for more info!

PLEASE do NOT ration your insulin. [Eli Lilly](#), one of the big 3 Insulin producers (headquartered in Indianapolis) has a program to assist anyone with insulin affordability. Call (833) 808-1234.

[Emergency Prescriptions](#) information: California State Board of Pharmacy reminds all that, under the state of emergency declared by the Governor, there are laws that can help evacuees refill lost prescriptions (see that link).

For help locating **dialysis centers**, go [here](#). Call for help: 866-889-6019.

[JDRF](#) (Formerly, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) provides resources for those who need assistance. (They're incredible!)

If you need **[American Cancer Society](#)** (click link for: **Coping with Cancer After a Natural Disaster**) services, call the National Cancer Information Center at 1-800-227-2345. For cancer patients, finding care in the wake of major disasters is challenging.

[National Cancer Institute](#) "Emergency Resources for the Cancer Community." 800-422-6237 Mon - Fri 9 am - 9 pm
[Live Chat & Email](#)

Please call Shield Health Care (800) 675-8842 (press option 1) - if your **medical supplies have been destroyed**. *You do not need to be a current Shield customer to receive supplies.* They will replace them for free and deliver them to wherever you are (includes adult/child diapers, formula, catheters, ostomy supplies, etc.)

Eye care: (1) VSP partners with Lens Crafters nonprofit, [OneSight](#), to provide gift vouchers for wildfire survivors. See your local Lens Crafters for assistance with referrals to get them in for exams and glasses at no charge to them. [VSP](#) also has emergency vouchers. (2) Red Cross usually replaces eyeglasses that have burned in fires.

Prosthetics: [Ultra Prosthetics and Orthotics](#) is wonderful during wildfires, and in the past, has offered to fly you to them or come to you to get you what you need. Please contact them: available 24/7 if you have questions or are in need of any prosthetic care or supplies, 800-858-7276 or email office@ultraprosthetics.com

[Used wheelchairs and equipment](#) for sale.

[Needy Meds](#) is a website of free information about programs that help people who can't afford medications and/or healthcare costs.

- Patient Assistance Programs
- Free/low-cost/sliding scale clinics
- Drug discount coupons
- Resources for specific diseases

MENTAL HEALTH: INSOMNIA, GRIEF, KIDS, PANIC

Offers of help across counties can be found here; also see your individual county section, below

This section contains active crisis help, where to talk to someone now about what you are feeling, self-help tips for help managing anxiety, insomnia, grief, sadness, numbness, shock, and other normal responses to disaster; resources for children and parents, the curve of mental health during and after disasters (what to expect), how to survive emotionally during this stressful time of loss, and more. It was written and compiled by a licensed psychologist.

-----CRISIS RESOURCES

In a mental health crisis, or concerned about someone who is?

*If you, or someone you know, are actively suicidal or homicidal, **please call 911 immediately**.* For support in this crisis, please call the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) at (800) 273-8255 or the [National Disaster Distress Helpline](#), with trained mental health counselors available 24/7, 1-800-985-5990, or text to 66746: one word with no spaces, *talkwithus*; or in Spanish, text one word, *hablanos*. [Suicide hotlines, by country](#). Reach the [California Peer-Run Warm Line](#) at 1-855-845-7415. If you're in Santa Cruz County, call Suicide Prevention Services toll-free, at **1-877-663-5433 (ONE LIFE)** *You don't need to be actively suicidal to contact them!*

[The Alex Project](#) is aimed at suicide prevention. They are equipped to address all post-disaster mental health issues, for all ages!. Text HOME to 741741. They will respond 24/7/365. They're located in Chico, North Valley Community Foundation, and provide help to those all over. *You don't need to be actively suicidal to contact them. They are happy to provide support.*

A disaster or tragedy often brings out strong emotions, such as anxiety, worry, and anger. Let CalHOPE connect you to resources that can help you deal with these emotions. To learn more, call the Warm Line at (833) 317-HOPE at <http://calliope.dhcs.ca.gov>

The [COPE hotline](#) is answered by trained listeners. *They provide supportive listening to callers, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention from anywhere in the US, 24/7, all calls anonymous and confidential!* 262-377-2673. *You don't need to be actively suicidal to call! They are happy to provide support and resources.*

LGBTQ: [The Trevor Project](#) *"If you are a young person in crisis, feeling suicidal, or in need of a safe and judgment-free place to talk, call the TrevorLifeline now at 866-488-7386 (24/7).*

[The Friendship Line](#) is a 24-hour hotline for **older adults** who may be lonely, isolated, grieving, depressed, anxious and/or thinking about death or suicide. It may also be used by their caregivers and /or younger **disabled adults**.

[National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) highly-trained advocates are available 24/7/365 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence. Call 800-787-3224. (Spanish & TTY available)

[Stonewall Alliance](#) (LGBTQ+) **support groups** for survivors of the fire 530-893-3336. (Camp Fire — but, check for current fires)

-----SELF-HELP

[CLICK HERE for effective, research-based self-help tips that WILL help you and your kids with anxiety, fear, insomnia, anger, grief, nightmares, poor memory, loss, confusion](#) (all **normal** for some time after a disaster!) This document was written by a licensed psychologist for disaster survivors and first responders. *Immediate tip: avoid stimulating images and videos, as your nervous system is taxed and needs the sensory environment to be as calm as possible. Use the techniques in the link above to achieve calm amidst the (fire)storm. Here is one of them:* THIS IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE at reducing panic & high anxiety immediately: 5-4-3-2-1 requires you to concentrate intently across multiple physical modalities, forcing the neurotransmitter norepinephrine (which triggers the amygdala and your overwrought stress response system) to stop surging. ***It is immediately effective.*** Pick a spot you want to look at, and keep your eyes focused on it *without moving them at all (blinking is okay) throughout this exercise*. Name (out loud, or silently if not alone) 5 things you see in your peripheral vision, without moving your eyes; look as far from center without moving your eyes as you can. Next, name 5 things you hear. Listen intently. If you can't hear 5 things, repeat something, but keep listening intently. Remember, your voice is one! Next, name 5 things you feel -- *not* emotionally, but physically (your foot on the ground, your hand on your lap, etc.). Make sure you are feeling them, not just listing them. Now, name 4 things you see in your peripheral vision -- don't move your eyes! 4 things you hear. 4 things you feel. Then, 3 and so on until you've finished 1-1-1. Then, sit quietly for a few moments and let your eyes move normally. Most of us notice deep calm between 3-3-3 and 2-2-2. **Repeat as necessary, and before bed.**

Anxiety attacks can also take different forms than panic: unpredictable bouts of rage; irritability; nit-pickiness; hypersensitivity to chaos, disarray, change; fast-talking, stuttering, stumbling over words; not talking at all; sitting rigid, staring into space, zoning out. Please see this section for help with anxiety, sadness, grief, anger, guilt. [See how to help someone with anxiety, here.](#)

It's common to feel upset, disillusioned, depressed after the heroic phase of a wildfire has ended, and the disaster drops out of the news. [See the curve here.](#) for what to expect.

Are you a first responder, educator, working for a nonprofit, helping survivors in other ways? [This article on secondary traumatic stress is excellent.](#) And [this is a fact sheet on STS](#) (applies to everyone in the disaster helping field).

PTSD Coach: a free app you can download from the National Center for PTSD! For Mac, iphone, android (desktop & mobile). Always with you when you need it! **Providing you with facts and self-help skills based on research.**

This is a great resource! Answers: What can I expect after a disaster? What can I do to recover?

Survivor's guilt is real. What everyone should know about it.

Use journaling to cope with stress, worry, sadness, grief, and anxiety (demonstrated by research to help reduce depression and anxiety and PTSD outcomes!)

The Golden Rules of Goal-Setting: setting specific goals has been shown to reduce stress!

Have you lost a loved one recently, or know someone who has? [Please see here](#) for what to expect yourself, and how to respond to your friend/loved one who's lost someone beloved.

***[Grief Recovery FB group!](#)** The #1 most protective thing you can do for your mental health, according to a trove of research, is to **seek social support**, and that includes any activity that leaves you feeling connected to others--in person contact is best, but online also has been shown to help! Even sitting in a library or cafe or (in these times of COVID, outside) around other people, without interacting, helps!*

Free online counseling for fire evacuees by licensed psychotherapists for 3 months is often offered by [Better Help](#). You might check with them; they haven't activated as of 8/22.

Psychology Today has a [licensed psychotherapist directory](#). Many take Medi-Cal and some have sliding scales!

SAMSHA has an interactive substance abuse and mental health treatment map. We posted it on our [#DisasterAssistTeam Facebook page](#).

-----FOR CHILDREN/PARENTS:

- (1) Here is a great resource for **child mental health after disaster** from the [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#) (before, during, and after).
- (2) [Here is a thread with much info, tips, and many mental health resources for kids after disaster:](#) not talking about it doesn't mean they're okay.
- (3) National Child Traumatic Stress Network [@nctsn](#) **has an app to help parents talk to children** about disaster.
- (4) [Helping children cope with traumatic stress](#) from the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

Here is an excellent compilation of suggestions to parents for their children, from the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), and Positive Discipline curriculum:

Children will take cues from the adults to see how worrisome the situation is. Adults need to lead with confidence and assurances that everything is being done to keep them safe. Limit exposure to scary or frightening social media images, especially for young preschool and elementary children. Be real and honest when kids ask about questions about the future. Talking points such as, "I don't know what will happen but I do know everybody's doing what they can, and that our family will stick together and we will follow our emergency plan." Try and limit your exposure to social media, while we can sign up for alerts and stay informed, we also can be present in the moment and hold space for our teens and children to check in on how as a family unit we are handling ourselves and practicing our self-regulation skills.

It is important to tell children, without overly alarming them, about disasters ahead of time. Talk about things that could happen during a disaster, such as the lights or phone not working, distance learning being cancelled, or needing to evacuate.

Tell children there are many people who can help them during a disaster, so that they will not be afraid of firefighters, police officers, paramedics, or other emergency officials. Share with them how you find posts on social media filled with hope of the sheer amount of people power out there rising to help one another.

Children respond differently to disasters than do adults. Sometimes it is difficult to tell if/or how severely the child has been affected by the disaster. Here are some common issues that arise in children and how parents can help their children cope after a disaster.

- **Children and Their Daily Routines.** Disasters disrupt our lives in a variety of ways. All disasters whether big or small can change our routines. From school closures to the need to stay in a shelter, children's daily routines undergo a number of changes. Children rely on their routines and changes to these routines can lead to anxiety and other problems. Every effort should be made to return to as much of a routine as possible. This can help children adjust and cope to the after effects of the disaster. A Positive Discipline tool like family meetings, where you share compliments and appreciations for one another can be hugely comforting in these moments.

- **A Child's Imagination and Fear.** A child's imagination is a beautiful thing. However, after a disaster this imagination can lead to fear and worry. Parents who stay calm and provide reassurance can help children decrease their worry. It is important to be honest about the situation keeping in mind each child's age and maturity. Try and dive into your child's world and allow a little bit of comic relief, and silliness help you through these tough uncertain times. That being said, noticing when you have "flipped your lid" or when you are dysregulated is important, be kind and compassionate with yourself. You are doing great and are only human. Deep breaths and hugs go a long way.

After a disaster, it is common for children to be afraid that:

- The event will happen again.
- Someone they care about will be injured or killed.
- They will be separated from their family.
- They will be left alone.

After a disaster, parents should make every effort to reassure children that the event is over, everyone is safe, and that the family will stay together.

Common Behaviors after a Disaster. Children may:

- Go through a personality change. For example, a quiet, obedient and caring child may become loud, noisy and aggressive or an outgoing child may become shy and afraid.
- Be upset over the loss of a favorite toy, blanket, teddy bear or other items.
- Have nightmares or be afraid to sleep alone or with the light off.
- Become increasingly clingy, and cry and whine more than usual.
- Revert to younger behavior, such as bed-wetting and thumb sucking.

Children's Psychological Needs Following a Disaster:

Parents should remember that the psychological effects of a disaster do not disappear once the event has passed. Children can show signs of psychological trauma in the form of nightmares or other problems for up to two years. Children need help and support as soon as possible. Some children may not exhibit signs of distress for weeks to months after the disaster, while some may never show such signs. It is important for parents to closely observe children's behavior. By recognizing problems quickly, parents can access resources for their child to receive extra counseling or attention. Our Positive Discipline support and learning groups can be of support to you, let us know how to best support and hold you along with the many other incredible and local non-profits ready and eager to stand by you.

How Can Parents Help Children Cope After a Disaster:

- Talk with children about their concerns and fears. Allow them time to figure out how they feel about what they have gone through.
- Listen to children's concerns, fears, and feelings. Don't judge them for their fears or concerns. Try to understand their feelings despite how irrational you may think they are. Reassure children that the family will stay together and that they will not be left alone.
- The most important role a parent can play in an emergency situation is to stay calm. Provide reassurance through your words and actions.
- Remind children that it is okay to be afraid. They do not need to be brave or tough and that it is okay to cry.
- Include them in recovery efforts. Give them tasks that they can safely get done to empower them and help them see that everything is going to be alright.
- While many things will be out of their control, point out those things they are still in control of and allow them control over simple things such as what to wear, what to eat, or what bed to sleep in.
- Allow them special privileges, such as keeping on a night light while they sleep, for a time after the disaster.
- Find ways to let your children know you love them.
- Turn Off and Log Off. Today, we are forever plugged in to the events around us through television and social media.

While these tools allow us to stay up to date on a disaster, they may have a negative effect on children. Television news stories, especially those with images, will upset children. Repeated news coverage may make them think the disaster is ongoing or occurring again. Social media posts of photos and videos from the child's community can be more damaging. Also, wrong information posted to social media could hurt children even more. Parents should limit children's access to TV and social media and make sure that they talk to their children about things seen or read.

Some Helpful Activities:

- Have children draw or paint pictures that show their thoughts and feelings about the event and their experience during and after.
- Have children write a silly rhyme or story about the frightening event.

For example, start with:

- "Once upon a time there was a terrible _____ and it scared us all.

This is what happened: _____

- Make sure to end the story with: And now we are all safe and sound.”
- Sing or create music with your children. Music may help reduce stress; it’s good therapy

VETERANS

Offers of help across counties can be found here; also see your individual county section, below

The VA has established a **Women Veterans hotline**, 855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636) to receive and respond to questions from women veterans, their families, caregivers about available VA services and resources.

If you or a loved one are a veteran and **are experiencing PTSD** symptoms, please contact the 24-hour Veterans Crisis Line 800-273-8255, press 1, or text 838255 for immediate help! If you are a fire survivor and/or a veteran and need resources or someone to talk with, please dial 211, 24/7, and/or see the “Mental Health” section, above!

Contact [Semper FI Foundation](#) for help. They will help ALL veterans, not just Marines! They provide direct financial assistance and various programs, including covering therapy costs--a great organization. Let them know you’re a fire survivor.

More veterans’ resources:

- (1) Separated/retired military? Need a copy of DD214? Create an e-benefits account [here](#).
- (2) DAV disaster relief info [here](#).
- (3) State Bar Association’s [disaster resources for veterans](#).
- (4) 24/7 vet access for any crisis: 800 273-8255; 838-255 (text); 800-799-4889 (hearing loss).
- (5) Booklet of benefits you may qualify for: [calvet.ca.gov](#).
- (6) Here are [several resources for veteran](#) fire survivors.
- (7) VA NorCal **job-placement help** for veterans & citizens. Call 916-854-5426 for info, [apply.workforwarriors.org](#)
[Work For Warriors](#)
- (8) Lost medals, flags? See [Replacing medals](#).
- (9) **Need crisis or non-crisis help?** [This site](#) has problems checklist, then input zip code, & specific resources are generated; you can request a vet advocate!
- (10) [Swords to Ploughshares](#), Vets helping vets for 40 years! Helps with health, housing, employment & training, legal, income, support and women vets’ needs
- (11) Jobs for Veterans: Google has created a new way for veterans to search for jobs! [See article here](#). The new features, available now, let military service members and their families search ["Jobs for Veterans"](#) and then enter specific military job codes (MOS, AFSC, NEC, etc.) to find civilian jobs with skills similar to those they used in the military.
- (12) *Veterans with housing needs should go through* [HUD-VA](#).
- (13) [Housing help for displaced veterans](#).
- (14) [Veterans Resource Center of America](#) offers help with housing, mental health treatment, and employment!

(15) AFTA offers 3 steps every veteran should take in the event of a natural disaster.

WILDFIRE SMOKE

9/9 It's dark because of smoke from Creek and Dolan and Butte County fires, and will be like this in the coming days, according to all official sources.

❖ **Air Quality** for Northern CA airnow.gov (click on FIRES) or purpleair.com--often better)

[California Smoke Information Blog](#)

[EPA | How Smoke from Fires Can Affect Your Health](#)

- "Smoke is made up of a complex mixture of gases and fine particles produced when wood and other organic materials burn. The biggest health threat from smoke is from fine particles. These microscopic particles can get into your eyes and respiratory system – whether you are outdoors or indoors, where they can cause health problems such as burning eyes, runny nose, and illnesses such as bronchitis. Fine particles also can aggravate chronic heart and lung diseases - and even are linked to premature deaths in people with these conditions."

[CDC | Wildfire Smoke And COVID19](#)

[How to build a DIY Fan/Filter Room Air Cleaner](#)

VOLUNTEER, DONATE, MORE

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This is a compilation of community foundations accepting funds and facilitating support in their respective communities.

[2020 Northern California Wildfires](#)

[UWBA](#) has teamed up with United Way of the Wine Country, United Way Monterey County, and United Way of Santa Cruz County to establish the Greater Bay Central Coast Wildfire Relief Fund. This fund was created to provide immediate and long-term recovery assistance to residents and community agencies in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties affected by the 2020 wildfires.

Donate here: <https://untldwy.org/2Euawh9>

RESOURCES BY COUNTY:

*****In addition to all of the above resources, the information below is county-specific*****

(All County headings are links to either OES or County website.)

--Napa County - Glass Incident (Glass Fire)

*****Do not attempt to evacuate via Deer Park Rd.*** Evacuate EAST through Pope Valley. *****

Please see purpleair.com for current air quality close to you; uncheck 'indoor air quality.'

Napa County Situational Awareness Tool [MAP](#) Click the "layers" icon in the upper right to see updated shelters, evac orders, fire perimeter, warnings, road closures, and more. Continually updated.

-----Calistoga UPDATE 10/2 [from Nixle](#)

NOTE: "Comcast's services were damaged by the Glass Fire. Residential and business customers in Calistoga are impacted. Once it's safe to do so, we can work on repairs. If you can help us get the word out, we'd appreciate it."

For the most up-to-date information, county officials recommend residents reach out to the Cal Fire public information line at **(707) 967-4207**. The Cal Fire incident page is here (updated 1x-2x/day):
<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/>

Latest [Nixle Alert information here](#). Text your zip code to 888777 for mobile alerts. Remember that cell service can go out in a fire. Download google maps, other internet documents you might need onto your phone now, and see below for how to save your cell phone battery.

PRICE GOUGING: (including gas, shelter): It's illegal to charge more than 10% above the price charged/advertised day before declaration of emergency (Penal Code sec. 396) Report by going to the Attorney General's [website](#) or by calling (800) 952-5225.

CLOTHES CLEANING: Chardonnay Cleaners is offering discounts, and in some cases, free cleaning, to people and families affected by the fires and those who had to evacuate their homes. Including items for: Dry Cleaning, Wash/Fold and laundry. Plz call for more info: 707-257-2236

-----EVACUATION, SHELTER

Continuously official updating order & warning links: Evacuation orders (immediate threat to life, leave NOW) and Evacuation Warnings (potential threat to life/property; leave NOW if you need extra time, have pets, livestock) in Napa County can be found at the county's Glass Incident [page here](#) and [via the county's Twitter feed](#). Orders & Warnings [MAP](#). The *San Jose Mercury News* has an evacuation map, shelter info, [updated constantly here](#). *The Press Democrat* always does a great job with fire information.

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If you are confirmed COVID-19 positive and under evacuation order, please call a number below. Do **not** show up directly to an evacuation site.

- 8am - 5pm call (707) 253-4540
- After 5pm, call (707) 815-8446

SHELTERS:

- **Crosswalk Community Church** at 2590 First Street in Napa. Bring mask, adhere to social distancing. Open as of 9:00pm Mon. night.
- **Napa Valley College** at 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway, Napa
- (Yountville Community Center, 6156 Washington St., Yountville, is a meet-up point, NOT a shelter.)

Sonoma County is keeping a running tally on what hotels have vacancies vs which are full, allow pets, prices, & notes on waived fees for Glass Fire evacuees. See the list on the Sonoma County Tourism website here:

<https://sonomacounty.com/fire>

Hipcamp Hosts are offering evacuees free places to stay as fires sweep across the West—see a list of available locations here: <https://hipca.mp/3hSPxDs>

Residence Inn Walnut Creek has 50 percent off Studios w/ kitchenettes, AC, and pet friendly. Call Joanna at 530 591 2685 or Hotel at 925 433 5215 and ask for Manager.

The West Sonoma Inn in Guerneville is offering discounted room rates to Glass Fire evacuees. Pet friendly. All have microwave/mini fridge. Some have full kitchens. One unit with 2 bedrooms. Nice place. Call 707-869-2874 or text 707-243-7088.

The Blackbird Inn in downtown Napa is offering 60% off room rates to evacuees. Please call 707-226-2450. Free WiFi, and most importantly, cookies and breakfast! <https://blackbirdinnnapa.com>

Multiple glamping tents, car camping & RV space available in Anderson Valley in Mendo. Small farm animals welcome. Bathrooms, shower, 3 cooked meals a DAY compliments of this kind family. Call or text 510-689-6384

***You can camp anywhere in a US National Forest** without paying a fee or staying in a campground. Google "US National Forest California" for locations. Many CA State Parks are closed. Many National Forests are closed.*

You can camp/park overnight for free at any Walmart store.

-----**EVAC ORDERS** ([see here for updates NapaOES](#))

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-----**EVAC WARNINGS** ([see here for updates NapaOES](#))

-----**ROAD CLOSURES**

KCSB is keeping a running list of [road closures here](#).

-----**PRE-EVAC STEPS**

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NOW: Download the [@Zello](#) app if you can (walkie-talkie, great for emergencies)

NOW: DISCONNECT automatic garage doors so you can open them by hand, and close the door

Before fire approaches:

- Turn off the gas at the outside meter. Shut off propane tanks.
- Fill trash cans/buckets/tub with water for firefighters and fleeing animals
- Wet down roof and vegetation
- Turn on your house & solar lights

- Breathe in 3, hold 2, out 3, repeat to remain calm. Step By Step.
- Bring flammables in from your yard--umbrellas; only move things like cans of gas away from your house if you can get them far from homes.
- Move propane BBQ away from structures
- Wear N95mask or use double or triple fabric masks with a coffee or tea filter if you don't have filters for your mask
- Remove flammable curtains, shades from windows, move flammable furniture to center of room
- Turn off pilot lights, shut off a/c
- Attach hoses to spigots.
- LOCATE PETS & keep them close. Prepare farm animals for transport... See "animal evac & shelter" below.
- Put a ladder at your house corner for firefighter access.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Close doors inside the house to prevent draft.
- Fill & ready any gas-powered water pumps.
- Release livestock/horses you cannot evacuate.

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-----ANIMAL EVAC & SHELTER

Disaster Assist Team | California Animal Doc: This is an excellent resource for [animal evacuation preparation, evac resources, and help](#), across California. (Use as a *planning* resource - we add as we go, so you *will not* find info for all counties.)

Red Rover: list of current [animal sheltering resources](#), by fire & region/county, for major August 2020 fires. (Includes hotel & boarding info.)

If you need help evacuating animals in evacuation zone, it's an emergency, you or your animals are in imminent danger, call Napa Dispatch at 707-253-4517

If you need help evacuating animals from mandatory evac zone, call Napa CART 707-732-1555

Small pet companion animal shelter is located at: [Napa County Animal Services](#) 942 Hartle Ct., Napa
Call ahead: 707-253-4382

Need help evacuating livestock now? Nor Cal Livestock Evacuation has trailers hooked up and ready to go.
707-234-7193 “Big or small, we haul them all.”

Take large animals to Sonoma Horse Park, 7600 Lakeville Hwy, Petaluma. Call or text first 707-861-0699.

If you are facing mandatory evacuation and CAN transport your large animals, call 707-732-1555
with ETA to let them know you are on the way, and go to the large animal shelter:
1200 Foster Rd, [Napa Valley Horseman's Association](#) Contact: Sheila Edginton. Bring own feed.

If you need shelter for horses and can transport, please contact 707-974-7782, Kayleigh. She can help with places
at Chalk Hill Ranch in Healdsburg/Windsor area.

Hauling/sheltering: A comprehensive list of folks in NorCal, organized by county, who can offer hauling and/or
sheltering (**both livestock & equine**) evacuation assistance, can be found [here](#). Great work by [Lake County Horse Council!!](#)

[Bay Area Equestrian Network](#) Find individuals/stables offering hauling &/or sheltering evacuation assistance in the Bay
Area [here](#). (Comprehensive list of folks from many different cities/towns!)
Phone: 800-943-8883 or 925-484-0395 Email: info@bayequest.com Twitter: [@bayequest](#) or [BAEN | FB](#)

If you need assistance with wildlife, please call: Napa Wildlife Rescue at 707-224-HAWK (707-224-4295)

If you are requesting assistance for animals left behind in the fire, email info@napacart.org with contact
information/address and description of animals left behind. Numbers and species.
A Napa CART volunteer will contact you. Napa CART phone: 707-666-3598
Follow: [Napa CART Facebook](#) or [@NapaCART](#).

Ruminant Shelter: **Call Napa CART FIRST = 707-732-1555**
1200 Foster Rd, Napa. [Ag for Youth](#). Contact: Paul Tarap. 707-738-3079. Bring own feed.

For more information and help, please see all the general CA categories near the top of this doc!

--Sonoma County - was Shady Fire

Please see [purpleair.com](#) for current air quality close to you; uncheck ‘indoor air quality.’

-----FIRE INFO

Sonoma County Fire Incident [Map](#). Click on layered squares for updated shelters, roads, fire perimeter, evac orders. Continually updated.

Official [Evacuation Orders Link](#). Cell service and power often go out in fires! Charge your devices now, and download google maps you may need. (See just below for more pre-evacuation steps!)

Sign up for emergency alerts for SoCo [here](#).

Sonoma County [Zones map click here](#)! **KNOW YOUR ZONE!**

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Residents who cannot self-evacuate due to physical disability or other access and functional needs can call Sonoma County Paratransit/Volunteer Wheels at (707) 573-3377.

Active Facebook Resources Group: [Sonoma County Strong](#) [#ShadyFire](#) or [#GlassIncident](#) on Twitter.

-----ROAD CLOSURES

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-----EVACUATION SHELTER

SHELTERS updated 12:45p 10/2: Bring mask, bring pets, adhere to social distancing. [For updated information, please click.](#)

- **Santa Rosa Veterans Building**, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa
- **Petaluma Vets Hall**, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma
- **Sonoma State University** (Congregate shelter and non-congregate dorms with non-congregate dorm priority given to COVID-vulnerable residents), Parking Lot G, Gymnasium, 1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park
- **Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds**, 175 Fairgrounds Dr., Petaluma: **accepting sheltering in cars and RVs only**
- **Sonoma Raceway**, 29355 Arnold Dr, Sonoma: **accepting sheltering in cars, car camping, 1K RVs only**, no showers, limited facilities
- **Unofficial:**
 - **Ya-Ka-Ama**, 7465 Steve Olson Lane, Forestville, has opened its doors to evacuees. "We have space for **RVs** and are asking that all animals be kept on a leash. We need donations of water, clean sleeping bags, hand sanitizer, masks, toiletries, snacks, women's hygiene, personal hygiene. (In

general, don't donate clothing to shelters unless it is underwear or socks in various sizes and still wrapped new!) Contact Maria 707-393-8289 or 707-887-1541 with questions. (Ya-Ka-Ama = Indian Education & Development)

- **Petaluma Valley Baptist Church** (Families only), 580 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy, Petaluma (unofficial shelter)
- **Calvary Chapel of Petaluma**, 1955 S McDowell Blvd, Petaluma (unofficial shelter)
- **New Life Christian Fellowship**, 1310 Clegg Street, Petaluma (unofficial shelter)
- **CLOSED: ~~A Play to Play Park, 2375 W 3rd St, Santa Rosa~~**

Sonoma County is keeping a running tally on what hotels have vacancies vs which are full, allow pets, prices, & notes on waived fees for Glass Fire evacuees. See the list on the Sonoma County Tourism website here:

<https://sonomacounty.com/fire>

Hipcamp Hosts are offering evacuees free places to stay as fires sweep across the West—see a list of available locations here: <https://hipca.mp/3hSPxDs>

Residence Inn Walnut Creek has 50 percent off Studios w/ kitchenettes, AC, and pet friendly. Call Joanna at 530 591 2685 or Hotel at 925 433 5215 and ask for Manager.

The West Sonoma Inn in Guerneville is offering discounted room rates to Glass Fire evacuees. Pet friendly. All have microwave/mini fridge. Some have full kitchens. One unit with 2 bedrooms. Nice place. Call 707-869-2874 or text 707-243-7088.

You can camp anywhere in a US National Forest without paying a fee or staying in a campground. Google “US National Forest California” for locations. Many CA State Parks are closed. Many National Forests are closed.

You can camp/park overnight for free at any Walmart store.

It is likely Sonoma OES will activate hotel vouchers program for evacuees, as CZU Lightning Fire did, and other counties have. In that case, you'd request a form from a shelter.

See updated county evacuation information [and an evacuation map here](#). Click the stacked squares for layers and check those you need, including current **road closures**.

Sonoma County [Zones map](#).

-----**ANIMAL EVAC, SHELTER**

-----EVACUATION, HAULING

If you need help evacuating animals, call (707) 861-0699 (Sonoma CART).

If you need help evacuating livestock, call (707) 234-7193 (NorCal Livestock Evac). “We have trailers hooked up and ready to go--big or small, we haul them all.”

For more assistance evacuating your animals: [Sonoma Co Animal Services](#): 707-565-7103 (8a-5:30p) and North Bay Animal Services at 707-76-6227 (9a-6p).

After Hours: Sheriff's Dispatch 707-565-2121 [<--These Are Accurate Numbers; 707-565-2511 is the regular Sheriff's Office number during the day]

Halter Project: [Facebook](#) (For info & help), [@HalterProject](#) (twitter)

The Real Cowboy 911 & **Cowboy 411 Emergency Information**

Affinity Pet Services 707-738-4300 Available to help with transport & evacuation. See [here](#).

Hansen's Horse Hauling If any of our clients are in need of evac transport, please reach out. Message, text or call 415-233-1478. Will have a vet riding along if needed. See [here](#).

Owen Ranch Contact Helen Owen 707-355-0121, for hauling help.

-----ANIMAL CARE, SHELTER

If you must leave livestock behind, the [Ag Commissioner](#) has a program to allow staff access for feeding/watering your livestock. Please email sonomaag@sonoma-county.org or call 565-2371. [SoCoEmergency.org](#)

NOW FULL for large animals: **Finley Center at the Sonoma County Fair & Event Center** is accepting small animals, chickens, large animals, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Contact information:

- Cliff Sanders 707-529-8463
- Robert Garcia 707-293-8408
- Jason Cavanaugh 707-547-7343

OPEN: Horses under 14 hands, livestock, chickens shelter: Go to Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds & Event Center in Petaluma, 175 Fairgrounds Dr., Petaluma (often also called the “Petaluma Fairgrounds” at 100 Fairgrounds Dr. in Petaluma--same location). “Please call 707-283-3247 for assistance with your animals and their evacuation and sheltering. If we don’t answer please leave a message and someone will return your call.” Enter Payan Gate 4.

OPEN: Horses: The 75-acre Sonoma Horse Park, 7600 Lakeville Hwy, Petaluma 831-594-1719 call or text on arrival. To enter, turn right at Giant Steps, left at KMC barn, and look for Sonoma CART intake!

[Sonoma Community Animal Response Team](#) is managing the shelter, and requests that people download the [SCART Animal Evacuation Packet](#) and bring it with them, completed, if they can. If not, [Sonoma CART](#) has copies on site. *Owners should be providing their own care and feed if they have capacity.*

[Pet Paradise Resort](#) in Rohnert Park is accepting small pets for boarding. Ph: 707-206-9000

[King's Kastle](#)

If you are an existing King's Kastle client being evacuated and need a place for your dog, call 707 843-9617. We will meet you after hours to take in your dog. See [here](#).

Across ALL counties, the Cow Palace in Daly City is [accepting livestock and horses](#)! 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City 415-404-4100. <https://www.cowpalace.com/p/about-us/evacuee-information>

Across ALL counties, VCA Animal Hospitals are offering FREE *two week* boarding for pets of evacuees ([see article here](#); search for [nearby location](#) here).

[Sonoma County CHANGE Program](#) (monitor their page for updates re animal help)

Lost and Found pets: Sonoma Animal Services - [CLICK HERE](#)

*Thank you to Victoria Garcia-Shipley for animal resources help!

- *Disaster Assist Team | California Animal Doc*: This is an excellent resource for [animal evacuation preparation, evac resources, and help](#), across California. This is that excellent resource for [all states](#). (Use as a *planning* resource - we add as we go, so you *will not* find info for all counties.)

--Santa Cruz County #CZU

[9/6 update en Espanol](#)

Also see “Financial Help” and “Returning Home” sections up above: there are offers there for help with vet bills, medications, artists’ grants, FEMA info, small business & job help, and more! Pro bono mental health services will be added under “offers,” soon!

---ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ News: At least some of Big Basin's old growth redwood trees have survived the fire! ~

****IMPORTANT: See this link for safety precautions before you do ash clean-up!****

Map of all CZU areas that are repopulating (=evac orders lifted!). Most current evacuation map. To check if your zone has reopened, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y3zc8hpt>

15 tips for helping a friend who has lost their home

- ❖ California Strong is providing financial assistance to those whose homes have been destroyed or damaged by smoke or fire in these wildfires. Please [click here for assistance](#). **Deadline is OCTOBER 2.**
- ❖ *9/27: Debris Clean-Up, Risk Reduction information from Santa Cruz County: list of what you can and cannot remove, environmental health evaluation, mudslide risk reduction, etc. [See link here](#). Please make sure there is nothing smoldering on your property, and if so, call CalFire. Phase 1 cleanup starts week of Sep 28! Visit [here for info](#).*
- ❖ **9/22: Cal Fire announced at 9:01 pm that the CZU Lightning Complex is 100% contained!**
- ❖ **9/22: The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is now having DRIVE-IN movies** on Saturday nights! [Click here for info., films, dates.](#)
- ❖ **9/20:** 2-1-1 is managing the registration of fire impacted individuals and households for the Santa Cruz County Long Term Disaster Recovery Group – a collaboration of more than 50 organizations working to address unmet needs through volunteer assistance, in-kind donations as well as, in some cases, financial aid. Please [visit here](#) and complete the intake form to start the process and a 2-1-1 Outreach team member will contact you to discuss your needs and get you connected to resources and assistance for which you qualify. **DAT NOTE: We cannot emphasize enough how helpful case management is!**
- ❖ As the fire tore through Fall Creek Park, firefighters saved the goldfish living in the old water trough. Firefighters fed them sandwich bread and cared for them.
- ❖ **9/18:** Due to CZU Lightning Complex fire emergency, the County has extended prohibitions on price-gouging through October 18, 2020. For 30 days after a disaster, price increases limited to no more than 10 percent. County Board voted 9/15 to allow successive 30-day extensions as needed. This INCLUDES RENT INCREASES.
- ❖ **9/18: FEMA Recovery Resource Center in Santa Cruz on Front St. (Kaiser arena)** will be closed Sunday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 27. Beginning Monday, Sept. 21, operating hours for the RRC will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. You can apply here any time (see “financial help” section near top of document for more.) **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 10/21.**
- ❖ **9/16: Samaritan's Purse has arrived.** They are looking to hire people to help with personal content removal, and are also available to sift for free for belongings of homeowners who have lost their home in the fire. Contact 831-588-1014. They are parked at Felton Bible Church, 5999 Graham Hill Rd., Felton. Their truck is full of free PPE for sifters/homeowners, water, tools, etc. They are wonderful in every large CA fire.

- ❖ **If your Evac Orders were reduced to Evac Warning:** Many orders/warnings have been removed. See “Evac Orders,” below. See “Returning Home” section above for important safety, clean-up information and resources. *Warning means risk of fire is still present. Remain vigilant and prepared to evacuate, if necessary. See “Returning Home” section above for important safety information. [Map of all CZU areas that are repopulating \(=evac orders lifted!\)](#). [Most current evacuation map](#). Check if your zone has reopened: <https://tinyurl.com/y3zc8hpt>*
- ❖ **Do you need something?** [Post here to request help or to offer help!](#)
- ❖ **We were on BBC World Service on 9/10, talking about #DAT and the fires.** [Click here](#) to listen. Follow the #DAT hashtag on twitter, and Disaster Assist Team on Facebook.
- ❖ **For a map and detailed list of areas remaining under an unsafe water alert, see slvwd.com.** Water district customers without safe water access can refill or pick up cases of water at the district Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, in Boulder Creek. Those unable to pick up water may be eligible for delivery, and are asked to email customerservice@slvwd.com or call 831-338-2153.
- ❖ **Tzu Chi**, generous and wonderful in every California wildfire, are announcing **emergency financial assistance to individuals in the Lightning Complex fires** whose homes sustained major damage. Sign up now to get started: [register here](#) by *September 30th*. Hotline: 408-256-0571 Email: relief-nc@tzuchi.us We (#DAT) trust and vouch for them.
- ❖ **If you are feeling** anxious, dread, fearful, grief, loss, sadness, insomnia, restlessness, irritability, jacked up, confused, foggy-headed--these are all normal during and after disaster! Please see the “Mental Health” section above, and the Santa Cruz-specific mental health section, below. **Click here**→ [for effective, research-based self-help tips that WILL help you and your kids with anxiety, fear, insomnia, anger, grief, nightmares, poor memory, loss, confusion](#) (all **normal** for some time after a disaster!)
- ❖ Remember to look at the categories near the top of the document, too. For example, did you know that student loan borrowers in disaster zones don’t need to pay and won’t be charged interest until January?
- ❖ **Debris Clean-Up information from Santa Cruz County: list of what you can and cannot remove, environmental health evaluation, etc.** [See link here](#).
It is unclear how long the order will last. If contamination is found, the district will notify residents and tell you next steps. Residents can pick up 2 cases of drinking water per day per account at the district offices in Boulder Creek. The district will deliver if you can't get to Boulder Creek. But, they can only do this on a limited basis. Water tankers will be on hand next week for larger water supplies.
- ❖ **9/2:** CZU fire destroyed more homes than the Loma Prieta 6.9 earthquake of 1989. --[MercuryNews](#) and 22% of Santa Cruz County has burned.
- ❖ **Santa Cruz D.A. [warns of wildfire scams](#) already happening, per [Santa Cruz Sentinel](#)** (*please subscribe to them to support LOCAL news, crucial during disasters!*)
- ❖ **FEMA + local Recovery Center opened** on 8/29 at the Kaiser Arena tent at 140 Front Street to assist residents impacted by the fire. Will be open 11-7 daily for info about rebuilding, debris, utilities,

insurance, social services, replacement docs and more. Parking on nearby streets. County residents affected by the fire can register for FEMA aid, meet with county planners, Environmental Health staff, Cal OES staff, the Assessor's office and many other departments and agencies who can help navigate the rebuilding process and help replace lost documents. More information is available online at co.santa-cruz.ca.us/FireResources.aspx

❖ *40 acres of Crest Ranch Christmas Tree farm have burned.* 🌲 [See article here](#) (KSBW).

---ANIMAL HELP

This section will tell you how to get help/care for your animals left behind the evacuation lines; location of local animal shelters and offers to foster; where to find free pet food and supplies; and pet services (e.g., free vet care) in Santa Cruz County. Also see, "Animal Help" for all counties, near the top of the document.

-----EVAC'D ANIMALS

RESCUE, SHELTER-IN-PLACE CARE behind the lines: "Our animal control officers are currently being deployed into areas that have been evacuated but are safe for us to enter. This includes Felton, Scotts Valley, southern parts of Ben Lomond and some sections of Bonny Doon. *At this time our Animal Shelter is running out of space so we are mainly feeding animals in place. If you are able to take your animals from us we will evacuate them and return them to you at the shelter.* If you have left an animal behind please email Todd.Stosuy@santacruzcounty.us and include:

- 1. Your name, address, phone number
- 2. Number and types of animals
- 3. If you can care for them if evacuated [See NOTE just below]

If you have already sent an email, PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANOTHER. We are triaging all calls for service and if you send us multiple emails it only slows down our response to help other animals. We have hundreds of addresses that have left animals behind and we are getting to each one as time permits. We thank you for your patience during this unprecedented fire." [Post](#) **(NOTE: Please see "Animal Shelters" just below for options for your animal in Santa Cruz, and "Animal Health: Pet Shelters" near the top of this document for options outside of the county! We STRONGLY suggest you do what you can to reclaim your pet and find shelter for him/her! Animal Control has great intentions and a tracking system, but in multiple past fires, can lose track of animals.)**

If you left small animals/pets at your home in Santa Cruz County, Animal Control can assist & do animal rescue. Call

831-471-1182 (and see 8/25 note, above)

Large Animal Evacuation For Santa Cruz County. Santa Cruz County Equine Evacuation Unit is activated. If you have large animals who need evacuation, call

831-331-6227

General [animal evacuation preparation, resources, and help](#), across California, by us, Disaster Assist Team.

[Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Facebook Feed](#). ←- This facebook page is posting current information for animal evacuation.

-----SEARCHING FOR A LOST PET?

Please be aware that after major fires, pets **often** return weeks or months later. Animal Control has been behind the lines caring for pets left behind. When you can return to your home, leave water out for your pet, continue to sit in your driveway around dusk, and quietly call. Pets are frightened and disoriented. Bring some of your pet's favorite food. Scatter your property with clothing you've worn and not yet laundered. Hundreds of pets, particularly cats, were reunited with owners this way. Continue to check with Santa Cruz and Watsonville Animal Shelters (see below) and Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, and on Facebook groups and Nextdoor. Post flyers in your neighborhood. Do Not Give Up. After the Camp Fire, cats were being reunited with their owners well over a year later!

-----PET HOUSING/Foster/Shelters

Please check the main “Animal Help” section near the top of this document, if you don’t find what you need here; there are many individuals and organizations willing to help!

(1) **Across ALL counties**, the Cow Palace in Daly City is [accepting livestock and horses](#)! 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City, 650-450-0520 or 415-404-4100 for info and assistance.

(2) **Across ALL counties**, VCA Animal Hospitals are offering FREE *two week* boarding for pets of evacuees ([see article here](#); search for [nearby location](#) here).

(3) **Across ALL counties**, Margie Estberg is offering fostering for: a medium to large dog (must be cat and chicken friendly and will have a canine playmate; no pits, please) in Oroville (Butte County); 2 horses; bonded pair of horses; single horse. All possible fosters are personal friends of mine, and I would trust them with my life.” (NOTE: DAT completely trusts Margie. Contact her [on FB here](#) or Text: 502-457-9247 (Jenn))

(4) Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 E. Lake Avenue in Watsonville, is accepting animals.

(5) Watsonville Animal Shelter, 580 Airport Blvd., Watsonville is still accepting pets

(6) [East Lake Animal Clinic](#) has opened up their clinic for evacuee pets. For more information regarding boarding for your pets please call the office at 831-724-6391.

(7) 9/2: [Peace of Mind Dog Rescue](#): We are here for you! Please share with your social networks. For [temp foster care](#). To [surrender](#) your pet.

(8) [Gateway Farm](#) 18025 E Collier Rd, Acampo, CA 95220, San Joaquin County can take horses. Text Liz 209-327-6858.

(9) **9/1 FULL:** ~~The SC County Animal Shelter, 1001 Rodriguez St., Santa Cruz, is housing pets displaced by the fire. Drop off at 1001 Rodriguez St., Santa Cruz, 10a-6p daily. Please exhaust all resources and try to house pets with family or friends, boarding facility, or vet, as space is limited.~~

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Facebook Feed. ← This facebook page is posting current information for animal evacuation.

[How to locate, track and rescue displaced fire cats](#)

-----FREE PET FOOD, SUPPLIES

- (1) **FREE PET FOOD PANTRY:** At 1001 Rodriguez St., we have pet food and other pet supplies available to CZU Lightning Fire evacuees and anyone in need. The monthly Pet Food Pantry will resume **in October on the first Tuesday** of the month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at SCPA, 2685 Chanticleer Ave, Santa Cruz from 3:30-5:30 daily.
- (2) If you need pet food or other services for your pets and cannot attend the free pet food pantry, please email [Erika Anderson](#) or call 831-454-7229.
- (3) **[Peninsula Humane](#)**/SPCA staff & highly trained disaster volunteers serve as the first responders for animals during emergencies & disasters, including the current fire & evacuation crisis in San Mateo/Santa Cruz Counties. Call us at 650-340-7022 if you have been evacuated & **need assistance for your pets, including food**
- (4) **[SCCAS](#)**: Evacuees in need of **pet supplies**, go to the Shelter at 1001 Rodriguez St. in Santa Cruz! They have TONS of **pet food, cat litter, litter boxes, and animal crates!** Open 10am-6pm but will leave some supplies outside for those in need after hours!

Facebook Group: **[Equine Evac At Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Info](#)**

-----PET SERVICES

VET SERVICES: Coast Veterinary Services in Scotts Valley is offering pets of fire victims **free examinations** for medical concerns (*limited number available*). We are proud to be a part of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The people of our community are resilient and resourceful. They have suffered great losses but through that they have united to help each other! Please call 831-707-4050 to set up the exam.

DECEASED ANIMALS: “I am here to help with any pets who were lost to the fire. I can try to help with cremation arrangements or whatever their families would like.” Contact [Margie](#).

---CAL FIRE UPDATES, MAPS

[Fall Creek CZU fire damage](#) info, 9/2...goldfish saved by firefighters!

CAL FIRE CZU UPDATE 9/23 Morning: 86,509 acres (no longer growing), 2,057 still evacuated, **100% contained**, 3,187 structures threatened, 1,490 structures (931 homes 😞) confirmed destroyed and 140 (90 homes) confirmed damaged, mostly in Santa Cruz County. **81 firefighting personnel.** Re-population efforts continue to be complicated in portions of the fire area by closed roads, damaged utilities and compromised trees. **Take action immediately when wildfire strikes, visit www.readyforwildfire.org and GO** when asked to evacuate. *(DAT Note: current changes in wind direction, and the El Dorado, Butte Co, and Creek Fires will bring smoke into populated areas. Please see purpleair.com for current air quality; uncheck 'indoor air quality' in bottom left]* **State Parks:** Many closed prior to the fire due to COVID19. Please check with them regarding status. **Missing Pets:** Some firefighters brought animals healthy and injured to Santa Cruz Animal Control; some are still missing due to fright. Animals hide out, hunker down, and survive often appearing weeks or months later. Stay in touch with SPCA and Animal Control. **NOTE from DAT:** PLEASE see “*Animal Help*” section for Santa Cruz County just above for contact email and phone numbers for help searching for your lost pet. In the Camp Fire of Paradise, we kept a database of lost pets; 1,400 cats alone were found, and because most owners thought their pet had died, over 1K of those animals were never reunited! **Animals Are Resilient In Fire!** Even cats in burned out houses waited until the glass broke, and hid in foundations.

Check the new Fire Damage Assessment map. As of 9/2, 100% of the damage assessment of this fire was **COMPLETE (Amazingly fast! Thank you!):** "Assessment teams are being deployed to the fire zone, and residents may not return to evacuated areas until they are cleared by public safety officials. We are working hard to assess properties as quickly as possible. Please refer to the [Damage Assessment Map](#) for information." **OR... A hotline has been established for those wanting to obtain information on the status of their property** in the affected area of the CZU Lightning Complex fire. The number is 831-335-6717.

Latest [Perimeter Map](#) of the CZU fire, by Cal Fire

(if that doesn't load, try [here](#) for CalTopo satellite map [click "fire info" upper right] Red line = hot spots, not fully controlled; black = has a controlled percentage (per CalFire)

GRATITUDE (From CalFireCZU: “We have an address for you! If you'd like to send thank you cards, please send them to CAL FIRE CZU Headquarters 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA, 95018. We CAN'T WAIT to see what you all come up with!”

---EVACUEES, EVAC ORDERS

- ❖ See “*Returning Home*” section above for important safety information, resources, help with ash, etc.
- ❖ 9/24: Evac order lifted: CRZ-003B

EVACUATION WARNINGS FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (as of 10/1) (*Warning means risk of fire is still present. Remain vigilant and prepared to evacuate, if necessary*)--**also see road closures, just below**

- Areas in Boulder Creek and Brookdale (Zones: CRZ-E010B)

- Lower Jamison Creek Road (Zone: BOU-E020)
- Boulder Creek Golf Course Area (Zones: BOU-E022, BOU-E030, BOU-E031)
- Upper HWY 236 past Waterman Gap Loop, Heartwood Hill, Lodge Road, Community of Little Basin, Lower China Grade, Upper China Grade, Gallion Heights, Fallen Leaf Neighborhood, Foxglove Lane (Zones: BOU-E036, BOU-E037)

EVACUATION ORDERS still in place are below--and check the [Cal Fire map with color-coded zones](#) — red for those under continued mandatory evacuation orders, green for areas that have been lifted.

EVACUATION ORDERS STILL IN PLACE FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (as of 10/1):

- Chalk Mountain (Zone: CRZ-E001)
- Waddell Creek, Swanton, Molina Creek (Zone: CRZ-E010C)

-----ROAD CLOSURES

HIGHWAY ONE IS OPEN TO THROUGH TRAFFIC Motorists could experience delays as crews continue fire mop-up work.-CalTrans CalFire requests motorists be careful when stopping, and pull completely off the road.

ROADS STILL CLOSED as of 10/1

- Swanton Rd open for local traffic only, expect delays
- Lower SR-236 at Little Basin Rd. AND Upper SR-236 at Waterman Gap Loop
- China Grade Road at Mile Post Marker 1.71

-----HOUSING/SHELTER

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See “financial help” section near the top of this doc for FEMA \$ information, housing assistance, grants, immediate \$ needs, artists’ grants, job help.

[American Red Cross](#) (call 1-866-272-2237 for assistance) See status updates regarding the below shelters, [here](#)!

SHELTERS: UPDATED 10/1 You can bring your pets to many (will indicate below, if not), but you must keep them with you...bring pet supplies! Shelters provide food, restrooms, hygiene facilities, security and medical and behavioral health services.

Through Oct 31, RV spaces at the Santa Cruz Harbor are available by fire evacuees on 1st-come basis (11 hook-up, 4 overflow). Rigs must be self-contained. Daily fees apply. Leave a detailed message with contact information at (831) 475-3279 .

- **Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds**, tents, cots, auto parking, 2601 E. Lake, Watsonville. Using the Crosetti and Harvest Buildings (all animals ok but must be cared for by owner) Has Space for livestock **Parking OPEN indoor cots, tents are pet-friendly; RV and parking space available**
- ~~**Rodeway Inn**, 1620 West Beach St. (**COVID Shelter**) **CLOSED**~~
- ~~**Cabrillo College Lot K (parking only)**, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Allowing tents in parking lot, as well as RVs. **OPEN** Parking **NO PETS** and **Gymnasium of Cabrillo College**, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Overnight shelter. **CLOSED**~~
- ~~**Lakeview Middle School** at 2350 E. Lake Ave. in Watsonville is an evacuation shelter. There's room for outdoor camping and limited indoor sleeping. **CLOSED**.~~
- ~~**Seventh-day Adventists Conference Grounds**, 1931 Soquel-San Jose Road, Soquel. FULL for overnight shelter, has limited parking space, RV FULL. Room for tents **FULL. Parking**~~
- ~~**ADA-accessible shelter: Harbor High School**, 300 La Fonda Ave. Room for 75. **CLOSED NO PETS**~~
- ~~**ADA-accessible shelter: Simpkins Family Swim Center**, 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Overnight shelter. **CLOSED**~~
- ~~**Santa Cruz Bible Church**, 440 Frederick St., Santa Cruz. Room for overnight shelter and RV/auto parking **CLOSED**~~
- ~~**Congregational Church of Soquel**, 4951 Soquel Drive, Soquel. Bathrooms available for evacuees. Open as of 8/22 6p w/capacity for overnight shelter and parking. **CLOSED** Parking **NO PETS**~~
- ~~**Overnight shelter at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium**, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz, is **CLOSED**.~~
- ~~**Coastlines Church**, Aptos, 280 State Park Dr., Aptos open for tent camping (limited tents available onsite), cars, RVs and safe parking. FULL (Closing 9/1)~~
- ~~**Parking lot and grounds of Coastlands Aptos Foursquare Church**, 280 State Park Drive, Aptos. Open to cars, RVs and tents. **FULL** Parking~~
- ~~**Twin Lakes Church (parking only)**, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos. Up to 50 cars and RVs with electricity hook-ups, bathrooms, water and food available. **FULL** Parking (No longer accepting evacuees)~~

HOTELS: Free Hotel Voucher Program:

- Free hotel accommodations may be available to residents evacuated from Lightning Complex Fire evacuation areas. The Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is working in coordination with the Santa Cruz County Human Services Department to secure hotel access as part of a state-wide response for community members impacted by fires.
- The free hotel assistance program, a part of the federal disaster relief assistance, is available to those displaced by wildfire. ***Anyone in Santa Cruz County who has been evacuated from their home through official evacuation notice is eligible for free hotel program assistance, and proof of residency will be required. Hotels may allow pets but please verify prior to arrival. Transportation and food may be provided for those that qualify.***
- To apply for the program, displaced evacuees may go to an official County shelter site and request a program application form.
- Participating hotels are located throughout the greater Bay Area. To apply for the program, displaced evacuees may go to an official County shelter site and request a program application form. Volunteer Emergency Services Team members will accept completed application forms in person
- For a list of current county shelter sites and locations to obtain an application, please visit [HERE](#). Evacuees are eligible whether or not they are staying in an official shelter.
- Need a place to stay? Go to [HERE](#) for up-to-date information on shelters and free hotels.
- AIRBNB has paused its program, as it can't find enough host homes. ~~Airbnb has activated its~~ [Open Homes program](#) for official evacuees. ~~It is heavily impacted, however.~~
- ¿Necesitan un lugar donde quedarse? Visite esta pagina: <https://www.santacruzcounty.us/fireresources>. Puede cambiar el idioma al español. Contiene informacion actualizada sobre refugios y hoteles gratuitos

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You can camp/park overnight for free at any Walmart store.

-----HOUSING HELP

(Also, please see just above.) Evacuees needing housing may call 211 for housing assistance. The United Way is offering housing resources. PLEASE CALL 211

Facebook Group: [Housing For Those Displaced In Santa Cruz Fires](#)

County streamlining rebuilding process for those whose homes were lost or damaged. [See 9/3 article here.](#)

---FROM THE LAND TRUST

(The nonprofit Land Trust of Santa Cruz County buys wild lands to preserve in the County. They are responsible for much of the non-governmental, undeveloped, public access land here. If you'd like to donate to them, please see "Volunteer/Donate" section, below! Or if you'd just like to get their inspiring weekly story email about open lands in the County, [sign up here.](#)) Since 1978, the Land Trust has protected 14,000 acres of land. We have protected redwood forests,

rare Sandhills habitat, wetlands at the heart of the Watsonville Sloughs, farmland in the Pajaro Valley, and the oak woodlands in the Pajaro Hills. Now, we're protecting land, building a wildlife tunnel on Hwy. 17, 50 miles of new trails, and the 32-mile Rail Trail that will help transform how people get around Santa Cruz County.

9/4 UPDATE: The majestic and beloved redwoods of San Vicente are a study in resilience. Redwood bark is thick and rich in water which creates an important fire-resistant buffer, and the tannin that lines their bark and heartwood is naturally fire-resistant. While we assess the extent of damage to the forest in the coming months, we find solace in the knowledge that many of the trees will survive, and we will once again find refuge in their shade and serenity. In the meantime, [we wanted to share this short walk through San Vicente forest](#) from SVR recorded a few months ago by Access Coordinator, Brendan Quirk, as a reminder of the regrowth to come.

Access News:

BYRNE-MILLIRON: We're happy to share the forest re-opened last Saturday.

SAN VICENTE REDWOODS: Once Cal Fire personnel have notified us that it's safe, we will work with our partners to assess the damage. Until then, all trail building plans have been put on hold. We will keep you updated as we learn more in the coming weeks.

GLENWOOD PRESERVE (EAST AND WEST): Both sides of the preserve are open.

---*MENTAL HEALTH*

Click here→ [for effective, research-based self-help tips that WILL help you and your kids with anxiety, fear, insomnia, anger, grief, nightmares, poor memory, loss, confusion](#) (all **normal** for some time after a disaster!) This document was written by a licensed psychologist for disaster survivors and first responders. *Immediate tip: avoid stimulating images and videos, as your nervous system is taxed and needs the sensory environment to be as calm as possible. Use the techniques in the link above to achieve calm amidst the (fire)storm.*

9/20: First 5 Care Cope Connect: A resource is now available to help the growing number of families in California tackling heightened community stress. The Care, Cope, Connect resource, helps parents cope with stress and provide safety and security for their children. [Visit here](#) for information and to download the coloring book (available in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Korean) for children. (Trauma resources are at the bottom of that link.)

9/10: [NAMI.org](https://www.nami.org) has a list of resources for dealing with disaster on their website, and [Family Service Agency 831-423-9444](https://www.family-service.org) is offering sliding scale therapy for those who want to set up a zoom or phone meeting with a therapist or associate.

BetterHelp, in partnership with Thoughtful Human, is offering anyone who needs it one month of free messaging, phone, or video sessions with a licensed therapist (free from whenever you sign up). You can fill out a questionnaire on the landing page: betterhelp.com/thoughtfulhuman. Then, you'll be matched with a licensed therapist within 24 hours through BetterHelp's platform. According to a spokesperson, the professional you're matched with will be licensed in your state.

****Also, please see “Mental Health” section near the top of the document, for cross-county resources!****

NATIONAL DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINE (FREE 24 HR.) 1- 800-985-5990

Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Center, 2280 Soquel Avenue: County crisis 24 hour access number: 1-800 952-2335

American Red Cross Accommodations Assistance: 1-866 – 272-2237 or call 2-1-1

Walnut Avenue Family and Women’s Center (including resources and help for domestic and sexual violence): 303 Walnut Avenue, SC 95060 831-426-3062

Community Foundation Santa Cruz County: 7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos 95003
831-662-2000

NAMI SC County – 831-824-0406

Mental Health Client Action Network – 831-469-0462

Youth Services – 831 --429-8350

Encompass Community Services 380 Encinal St., Suite 380 SC 831-469-1700

Monarch Services – 1509 Seabright, SC 95062 831-425-4030

Family Services Agency of the Central Coast – 104 Walnut St., SC 831-423-9444

2-1-1 Resource and currently United Way of Santa Cruz has received donations of activities, puzzles, etc. that are available for your family.

---RESOURCES, OFFERS

- ❖ **9/20:** 2-1-1 is managing the registration of fire impacted individuals and households for the Santa Cruz County Long Term Disaster Recovery Group – a collaboration of more than 50 organizations working to address unmet needs through volunteer assistance, in-kind donations as well as, in some cases, financial aid. Please [visit here](#) and complete the intake form to start the process and a 2-1-1 Outreach team member will contact you to discuss your needs and get you connected to resources and assistance for which you qualify. **DAT NOTE: We cannot emphasize enough how helpful case management is!**

Cal Fire Public Information Line: 831-335-6717

See “Financial Help” near the top of this document for lots of \$\$ resources & info!

See “Returning Home” section for debris clean-up, safety info, and more.

Residents can find a map and list of current **evacuation orders** [here](#), and **can sign up for email alerts** [here](#).

Enroll in [CodeRed](#) for reverse 911 in Santa Cruz County.

Official government resource for Santa Cruz [CLICK HERE](#)

Satellite [fire map](#) (click “fire activity”)

General Fire Info., ask/receive help [here](#) (Santa Cruz focused Facebook fire page)

- 9/19: JOBS: UPS is hiring for seasonal work! [See Santa Cruz County jobs here](#). **Need a job?** If you're looking for work in Santa Cruz, [check out this link](#) for 350+ jobs within 10 miles of Santa Cruz!
- 9/7: San Lorenzo Valley has [published a FAQ](#) about the **water situation** there.
- "Santa Cruz County is committed to an expedited and streamlined rebuilding process for those impacted by the #CZULightingComplex fires. If you have suffered property damages, start [HERE](#)."
- For help with animals (housing, vet bills, behavior, free food, etc.), please see “animal section,” above.
- **Read/Register for Supervisor Coonerty’s daily updates** [here](#).

-----FREE SVCS, FOOD, ITEMS

Below, are a collection of all kinds of services, events, and items offered to fire survivors, most for free or a very small amount! This list will grow in the coming days.

(Also see “Animal Help” section, above, for free pet food, supplies!)

10/1: Evacuees needing donated items, pick up at the following locations:

St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church 9980 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond Hours: Wednesdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Valley Churches United 9400 Highway 9, Ben Lomond: Hours: Monday-Friday 9 p.m.-4 p.m.

9/22: The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is now having DRIVE-IN movies on Saturday nights! [Click here for info., films, dates.](#)

9/20: Public Wifi Access: Comcast is offering free access to their wifi hotspots for those evacuated or who have lost their homes and are in need of connecting with loved ones or essential services. Those who need this service can choose “xfinitywifi” as their wifi source to automatically connect without any password requirements. The troubleshooting number is: 866-489-0919.

9/18: Bookshop Santa Cruz is donating \$5k (more possible) in books to children who lost their homes in the CZU Lightning Complex fires.

FREE INTERNET from Cruzio, who’ve set up several public wifi spots outdoors: Use Abbot Square, Downtown Library parking lot, or Watsonville Plaza. No password required! Fast and free!

HOUSEHOLD WASTE in San Lorenzo Valley: Ben Lomond Transfer Station is open seven days a week to help serve the needs of those impacted by the fire.. 9835 Newell Creek Rd, Ben Lomond. Household waste accepted, no fire-damaged items at this time.

STRESSED? [Take a relaxing, virtual bird walk](#) with the Land Trust of Santa Cruz through the Watsonville Slough Farm.

EYEGLASSES: “Hello Friends . I am a local Santa Cruzian and had friends who mandatory evacuated during the fires. I am an Eyeglass Distributor (DESIGN EYEWEAR GROUP) and donating Eyeglasses (Adults & Kids) and Lens to Optometrists in Santa Cruz. We will be giving out complimentary Single Vision Lens/ Bifocals. 100% FREE ! Please message me for details, appointments only - due to Covid. Two locations so far: EYE Q OPTOMETRY, 1101 PACIFIC AVE #E SANTA CRUZ, and FRANCIS KUO OD, 346 UNION ST #1 SANTA CRUZ (Working on other locations...will add) Message [Dustin Springman on FB.](#)

VETERINARY SERVICES: As of 9/1, Coast Veterinary Services in Scotts Valley is offering pets of fire victims **free examinations for medical concerns** (limited number available). We are proud to be a part of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The people of our community are resilient and resourceful. They have suffered great losses but through that they have united to help each other! Please call 831-707-4050 to set up the exam.

LOST HOME? Debra Feldstein: Is looking to compile a list of names of individuals and families who have lost their homes in the fire (not evacuated, but actually lost their homes). "I'd like to create a directory of individuals/families who lost their homes to pair them up with a volunteer/volunteers who will act as their advocate and help them access the resources they need. **(We can't emphasize how valuable this is!! -DAT)** If you are a survivor who has lost your home in the CZU fire, or a friend of one, please complete this [form](#). All information will be kept confidential and only shared with a core group of volunteer leaders." [Original Post](#)

ORGANIC WELLNESS BOXES for families in need (CZU Lightning Complex Fire) "Our beautiful herbalist community is coming together to support families in their time of need. Please fill out the form at the link above to the best of your ability. If the family is staying in a shelter, please specify which shelter they are staying in so we can get their box to them."

DISABILITY NEEDS: DOR's FAST and VEST teams are assisting with the CZU Lightning Complex—ready to help those with a disability or access and functional need. Go to <https://disabilitydisasteraccess.org> for more info!

SHOWER: Sage Float Spa, 1395 41st Ave Unit A, Capitola, CA 95010, 831-854-2700: "If you know someone who has been displaced because of the fires **and is in need of a shower**, send them our way! Sage has towels and all essential body products. If you are in need, please [DM](#) to set up a time to come to Sage." [Post](#)

CALFRESH FOOD WAIVERS: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved a [temporary waiver](#) that will allow CalFresh participants in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties to purchase hot foods with their benefits through September 23, 2020. A request was made and granted by the USDA for these waivers that will ensure that those who evacuated, lost their homes, or are fighting on the frontlines of these fires have access to the nutritious food they need during this challenging time. **Groceries assistance:** Evacuees may see if they qualify for CalFresh food assistance by applying at getcalfresh.org or mybenefitscalwin.org, at 888-421-8080 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Paper applications are at 18 W. Beach St., Watsonville or 1020 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz.

CAR RIDES: Evacuees are eligible for **free rides from Uber**. Use code **CAFIRE2020**.

TRUCK, TOOLS: Brett Nickel "Still **available with truck and tools**. Cannot get into evac zones right now but if you need assistance with moving things/animals/people or anything else, just outside of blocked off evac zones or in evac warning zones, let me know." Ph: 831-566-6445

LAUNDRY: [Laundry Room Seabright](#) as of 8/24 is offering free laundry services to evacuees (must provide proof of address). 419 Seabright Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 PH: 831-471-8141 [Original Post](#)

MEDICAL CLINIC: *Temporary medical clinic is open at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville.*

- The clinic will meet a range of medical needs for those impacted by the Lightning Complex Fires.
- Physicians will be on-site to assist patients throughout the day.
- Evacuees can also access pharmaceutical services at this clinic.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION: [Lift Line](#) 831-688-9663 has vehicles that can accommodate special needs folks and small pets. [Paracruz](#) with Santa Cruz metro is doing the same, 830-425-8600.

LBTQ in Santa Cruz County: see the [Diversity Center](#) website for programs and online group support!

GENERAL RESOURCES:

Comprehensive list of links, help, resources for the CZU August Lightning Complex fire, by Fire Safe Santa Cruz, is [HERE](#).

---VOLUNTEER/DONATE

Be aware that scams typically begin 3 days into any fire. Please be cautious about gofundme requests. Santa Cruz D.A. [warns of wildfire scams](#) already happening --Santa Cruz Sentinel *(please subscribe to support LOCAL news, crucial during disasters!)*

GRATITUDE (From CalFireCZU): “We have an address for you! If you’d like to send us ‘thank you’ cards, please send them to CAL FIRE CZU Headquarters 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA, 95018. We CAN’T WAIT to see what you all come up with!”

-----CASH DONATIONS

Please donate to local, long-time Santa Cruz County agencies, rather than national or international organizations, to immediately help the citizens of the county. Consider the decades-old, nonprofit Santa Cruz Community Foundation. The Community Foundation Santa Cruz County has established the Fire Response Fund to support those affected by the CZU August Lightning Complex Fires. Donations to the fund will be distributed to nonprofit agencies and organizations directly assisting individuals to meet needs as they arise. Visit cfsc.org/donate/fire to donate now:

“The heart is a profoundly resilient organ. It can break & be generous at the same time. With profound gratitude for your generosity, we've already gotten CZU Lightning Complex Fire relief grants out. Learn more & spread the word.” <https://t.co/qBhGZDJFID> and <https://t.co/oEG22K076q>

Nonprofit Native Animal Rescue, a small organization which has rescued and rehabilitated wildlife for decades, appreciates donations of funds and items for wildlife care. See their [website](#) to donate or help!

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation [appreciates donations](#) to help the evacuated and found but not yet reunited cats, dogs, cows, horses, llamas, goats, sheep, and more (!) of the CZU Lightning Complex fire for the Lightning Fire Animal Relief Fund. If you'd like to make a gift in honor or memory of a person or pet, please include that information in the comments field as you donate online, or note it on your check if paying by mail.

Second Harvest Food Bank in Santa Cruz County is [in need of donations](#). Food banks are always in high need during and after disasters!

The Land Trust of Santa Cruz has protected 14,000 acres of land over 40 years. They have protected redwood forests, rare Sandhills habitat, wetlands at the heart of the Watsonville Sloughs, farmland in the Pajaro Valley, and the oak woodlands in the Pajaro Hills. Now, they're protecting land, building a wildlife tunnel under Highway 17 and launching a project to help wildlife cross Highways 129 and 101 from the Santa Cruz Mountains to the Gabilan Range to the south, 50 miles of new trails, and the 32-mile Rail Trail that will help transform how people get around Santa Cruz County. They will need to do work to clean up and repair trails after the fires. “We've also just applied to renew our accreditation status with the Land Trust Alliance. It's a national award, a seal of excellence really, which we first received in 2013, and have to reapply for every few years. It basically means that we're protecting new land, and stewarding the lands already under our care, to the highest standards.” See their update on Santa Cruz County lands and CZU, “*From the Land Trust*,” above. Please [donate here](#). 100% of donations go directly to trusted nonprofit partners delivering solutions.

-----ITEM DONATIONS

DONATE LOCALLY: GENERAL DONATIONS OF ITEMS: Due to COVID-19 considerations, donations must be in new condition. Prepared meals, alcohol and used bedding or clothing is **not** being accepted. List of recommended donations available online at santacruzcounty.us/fireresources.aspx.

Donations are accepted at the Valley Churches United, 9400 Highway 9, Ben Lomond: Hours: Monday-Friday 9 p.m.-4 p.m. Please call beforehand to make arrangements: 831-336-8258.

Donate food to the Second Harvest Food Bank at 800 Ohlone Parkway, Watsonville, 8a-4p weekdays. For larger food donations (grocery stores, farmers, etc.) please contact Grace at 831-498-4117. Most needed foods: tuna, canned meat,

peanut butter, soup, chili, beans, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain rice, pasta & oats. Please no glass, perishable, expired, or opened items.

Cal Fire officials ask “that any voluntary efforts or donations be directed to **local charities and food banks** to assist the community and those displaced by the fire,” rather than to emergency responders based in Scotts Valley. It is respectfully requested that we no longer receive donations.”

-----VOLUNTEER/TIME DONATIONS

Register as a volunteer in Santa Cruz County at the [Volunteer Center](#)(link) or call 831-427-5070.

--San Mateo County #CZU

****See CalFire daily updates under “Santa Cruz County”****

9/6 update en Espanol

- ❖ **9/10: San Mateo County** [has declared a public health emergency](#) due to public health threat from hazardous waste from the fires.

Some parks are opening 9/3! [See this link](#) for more info on the status of each park in the county.

The [@fema](#) Assistance Center is at Pescadero Elementary, 620 North St., Pescadero, to assist residents who suffered losses due to the [#CZULightingComplex](#) Fire w/ registering for support, which can also be done at [disasterassistance.gov](#) or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The center in Pescadero will be open until further notice from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day of the week, including Labor Day.

-----ROAD CLOSURES 9/10:

- Canyon Road at Cloverdale Road
- Gazos Creek at Cloverdale Road

Evacuation updates can be found at the SMC Wildfire Response page [here](#), and [via the county's Twitter account](#). San Mateo County residents can **sign up for emergency alerts** [here](#). San Mateo County community resource list (Google doc) created for and by the community [CLICK HERE](#)

-----EVACUATION, SHELTER

10/3: All San Mateo County evacuation orders & warnings have been removed! [See info here](#) and just below. See www.fire.ca.gov “post wildfire” for info and electrical safety tips.

EVACUATION WARNINGS FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY (as of 10/3):

- None!

EVACUATION ORDERS FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY (as of 10/3):

- None!

-----ROAD CLOSURES

- None!

-----ANIMAL EVACUATION

1,500+ large animals & many small animals have been cared for during [CZULighteningComplex](#) fire in [San Mateo County](#) by volunteers & other agencies. For large animal pick up or return, call 650-450-0516 or 650-450-0520. For dogs, cats & exotics call [@PeninsulaHumane](#) @ 650-340-7022.

(1) Across ALL counties, the Cow Palace in Daly City is [accepting livestock and horses](#)! 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City 415-404-4100. **(2) Across ALL counties**, VCA Animal Hospitals are offering FREE *two week* boarding for pets of evacuees ([see article here](#); search for [nearby location](#) here).

(2) The Cow Palace (see above) has set up shelters for horses and livestock. Contact the [San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group](#) below for assistance. Laura: 650-450-0520; Robin: 650-450-0516; Emilie: 650-773-8780

(3) [Peninsula Humane](#)/SPCA staff & highly trained disaster volunteers serve as the first responders for animals during emergencies & disasters, including the current fire & evacuation crisis in San Mateo County. Call us at 650-340-7022 if you have been evacuated & **need assistance for your pets, including food!**

(4) [Peace of Mind Dog Rescue](#): We are here for you! Please share with your social networks. For [temp foster care](#). To [surrender](#) your pet.

--Monterey County/Dolan Fire

Current [Evacuation Zone, Shelter, Fire Map](#)

URGENT: Impacted by the Carmel, Dolan, or River fire? Learn about and apply for FEMA assistance by visiting the virtual center by [clicking here](#). If your home was impacted, also take this [Damage Assessment Survey](#). You can download the FEMA app or call 1 800-621-3362. Also, see “Financial Help” near the top of this document. FEMA will help with emergency funds, short- and long-term housing. **FEMA deadline 10/21!**

-----DOLAN FIRE INFO

9/18 1:00p: Zones 24 & 26 have been downgraded from [evac order to warning](#). Stay vigilant!

9/18 fire update:

September 18, 2020 7:15 a.m. | [Maps](#) | [Update](#) | [Video](#) | [Photos](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) |

Wildfire activity can change quickly and so evacuation warnings and orders may also change at any time. Click [here](#) for an interactive map of Monterey County evacuations. To receive emergency notifications regarding evacuations and critical events in Monterey County please sign up for [Alert Monterey County](#).

PNW2 is unified command with US Army, Fort Hunter Liggett. The army's Incident Commander is Jeff Mannetti.

Fire actively burned through the night on the entire south end with active fire behavior observed on the north side of Nacimiento-Ferguson Road near Hwy 1 with short uphill runs. No threats to the fireline were observed.

The incident command post has relocated to King City, CA to have support personnel closer to firefighters on the line. Work continues along the Highway 1 corridor, including strategic burnouts to tie fire lines to Highway 1 in the southwest corner of the fire area. A burnout is being conducted along a dozer line constructed from Prewitt Ridge to McKern Road, and from McKern down to the Nacimiento-Ferguson Road. This is being done to secure the southern line before winds shift to becoming more northerly today. In the Arroyo Seco area bulldozers have been working to reopen old fire lines on high ridge tops to protect communities to the north and east of those lines. Heavy helicopters have been dropping water on the leading edge of the fire near Arroyo Seco to slow its spread and allow time for the preparation of indirect control lines and structure protection.

Two of the three firefighters hospitalized after a burn-over on September 8th were released on the 9th. The third is in stable condition and still receiving treatment. An accident investigation is currently being conducted.

The Dolan Fire is now over 127, 000 acres and is 45% contained. Pacific Northwest Team 2 has extended its time on the fire to a 21-day assignment. A portion of CA Highway 1 remains closed because of fire activity

and rocks and other debris rolling onto the highway. For information about [state highway closures](https://roads.dot.ca.gov/) go to <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.

-----***En Espanol***

-----**MORE INCIDENT INFO**

Evacuees of Dolan, River, or Carmel fires, see [HERE](#) for more information. Evacuation updates, see [Monterey County Office of Emergency Services](#) Shelter Hotline: Call American Red Cross 24-hour disaster dispatch helpline:

1-866-272-2237

An Evacuation Center is available at the King City High School Gym, located at 720 Broadway Street in King City. The center will be open from 8 am to 8 pm daily until no longer needed. Residents in need of information, disaster application assistance, emergency housing and RV vouchers are welcome to drop in at the center or can call for assistance at 831-385-5461, dial 'O' then extension 1302. If there is an after hour need for evacuee hotel placement, please call at 831-385-3677.

See official photos of the Dolan fire [here](#) (inciweb, NWCG).

Go [HERE](#) for Monterey County emergency information & twitter feed.

EMERGENCY ALERTS:

Alerts are sent for evac warning, order, and when those orders are lifted

- **AlertMontereyCounty** - Monterey County residents can sign up to receive emergency notifications about where they live or work. AlertMontereyCounty provides time-sensitive messages to wherever you specify, your home, mobile or business phones, email address, or text messages. Sign up, click [here](#).
- **Nixle** - To receive emergency information, including evacuation alerts, text MocoOES to 888777 and include any and all zip codes you want to be alerted for in your text. For daily fire updates for the River and Carmel fires text MCFIRES2020 to 888777.
- **211** - You can call or text 211. Operators can provide updated fire and evacuation information. You can also text "fire" or "wildfire" to 211-211, add your zip code and receive links to current information.

[Monterey County Community Resilience Program](#) — **Get assistance:** connect with the goods and services you need; or Locate donation centers, shelters, and other **recovery resources**.

Facebook Crisis Response for [The Fires In Monterey County](#) allows people to post help & donation offers or requests. It can be a useful resource.

9/18: Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park [likely closed until 2021](#).

ROAD CLOSURES 9/18: Highway 1 at Los Burros Road to Salmon Creek Falls including all roads and tributaries contained within are closed.

-----EVACUATION, SHELTER

[Evacuation Perimeter Map](#) for Dolan Fire, including shelters, parking.

Evacuation Assistance for those impacted by the Dolan Fire:

- **For evacuees heading North**, an Evacuation Center is available at the Local Assistance Center located at the Monterey Conference Center (1 Portola Plaza in Monterey, near Pacific Avenue), open 10am to 6pm daily until September 12th. Free Parking available.
- **For evacuees heading South or East**, an Evacuation Center is available at the King City Library (402 Broadway Street in King City). This location is also serving as a Temporary Evacuation Point. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The center phone number is 831-385-3677.

These centers can provide:

- *Emergency shelter referrals*
- *RV Vouchers for the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds*
- *Information*
- *A place to regroup after evacuating*
- *Other Services*

Staff is on site to help. COVID-19 protocols are in place. ID required for proof of residency.

- **If you need assistance with pets or large animals during evacuation**, call the SPCA for Monterey County at 831-373-2631

-----ANIMAL EVACUATION

- **Also see “ANIMAL HELP” near the top of this document for animal evac, shelter, behavior tips, lost pets, and more.**
- There is no pet management at any evacuation shelters due to the sheer volume of animals being evacuated. The [SPCA Monterey County](#) is coordinating shelter for animals. Call the SPCA at **831-264-5455** or **831-373-2631** to

get information on where to evacuate your animal. Another option is to go to the Monterey County and Salinas combined shelters. These shelters which are located at 144 Hitchcock Road in Salinas are supporting evacuation efforts. They are accepting animals on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Across ALL counties**, the Cow Palace in Daly City is [accepting livestock and horses](#)! 2600 Geneva Ave, Daly City 415-404-4100.
- **Across ALL counties**, VCA Animal Hospitals are offering FREE *two week* boarding for pets of evacuees ([see article here](#); search for [nearby location](#) here).
- [Royal Oaks Dreamweavers Ranch](#) has space for 10-15 horses and can have 10-15 head in the arena if they pasture together. They can also take sheep & goats. Call them at 831-710-8308 and they'll meet you at the gate — 9 Maher Rd, Royal Oaks.
- [Jessica Bawdon](#) has approx. 4 acres of fenced pasture and room for trailers if need be. Located in Hollister, also have a truck to help haul, but no livestock trailer. Contact at 831-801-2771.
- [Peace of Mind Dog Rescue](#): We are here for you! Please share with your social networks. For [temp foster care](#). To [surrender](#) your pet.

-----VOLUNTEER/DONATE

- **Here is what we need at shelters (above) from Volunteers/donations:**

Toilet paper and paper towels for bathroom; people to clean the bathroom very regularly; trash cans and liners; 5 gal or less water containers; and your presence to keep this calm. See [HERE](#).

- [Monterey County Community Resilience Program](#): Send supplies: connect with people who need them; [Lend a hand](#): connect with people who need your help; or Locate or suggest donation centers, shelters, and other [recovery resources](#).

WHO WE ARE

We, [#DisasterAssistTeam](#) (and #Disaster Assist Team on FB) are a team of remote volunteers with connections on the ground, who came together to help people and animal rescuers find those needing help during major disasters. We do logistics, data mining, research, information sourcing, verifying, and vetting. We found that teams on the ground really need people like us. Often, they are stretched thin and don't have reliable access to the internet or a phone, or need reliable people to field offers or direct people or supplies to them. We support BOTG (boots on the ground) and coordinate their efforts, network, match people in need with available resources, advocate for survivors, and work on creative solutions. We also secure donations for and promote other teams and nonprofits who share our most important value: integrity.

The Disaster Assist Team came together after Hurricane Harvey, and has helped in over a dozen large disasters in the past several years. Many of us have disaster or animal rescue training, or are in the law enforcement, emergency, animal welfare, equine, or healthcare fields. We have licensed mental health professionals and physicians, corporate

professionals, animal lovers, and artists on our team. We are a diverse bunch from several countries, including Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and Canada.

Most of us have experienced disaster in our own lives and wanted to give back by helping others in similar situations. It's difficult, if you haven't been in a disaster, to really understand the trauma that can result when you realize that the Earth doesn't know you're here and cannot protect you during disaster; and the effect on body, mind and spirit of being terrified, your life threatened, not sure you'll survive, forced out of your home (both literally and figuratively), having to leave beloved pets behind, being without a home in an impersonal, large shelter, sleeping on a cot with an unknown future, having lost your community, your employment, and wondering whether your friends, family, pets have survived. Your identity undergoes rapid change.

Yesterday, you were a member of your neighborhood and familiar town community; now, you are a refugee.

We are happy to accept thanks and encourage everyone to "pay it forward," as we do not take donations from survivors of disaster. ❤️

Love to all who've experienced the horror that life can present to any of us, and to all the helpers,

CONNECT WITH DISASTER ASSIST TEAM

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