



# City of Malibu

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## POST-FIRE REBUILD BULLETIN

November 21, 2018  
Planning Department

Please know that our hearts go out to all those affected by this unprecedented fire. Our goals are to assist our community with their immediate needs and provide information, to provide a smooth process for those who lost homes to establish temporary housing on their property and to rebuild, and to resume normal Planning Department activities.

The Planning Department will be issuing these bulletins regularly to provide information to residents and property owners about the rebuilding process and regular Planning Department activities.

At this time, City Hall has not yet reopened. Continue to monitor the City website and email alerts for updates on when City Hall will open.

### Suggestions:

- Sign up for emergency alerts. This includes notice of updated information on temporary housing and the fire rebuild process. This is the best way for us to be able to get information to you quickly. <http://malibucity.org/news>
- Contact your insurance company to confirm coverage.
- Do not remove ash or debris until a hazardous materials inspection is completed on your property. All properties will be inspected by California Office of Emergency Services and Los Angeles County Department of Health. Inspections are expected to commence by November 27 and be completed in approximately two weeks. Once completed, property owners will need to pull a demolition permit for debris removal from the City Building Safety Division. Additional details regarding debris removal can be found here:  
<https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23184/11-20-18-Fire-Debris-Waste-Removal-Update>.
- Prepare for rain and associated debris flows and mudslides. See the Storm Preparation Information on this page: <https://www.malibucity.org/woolsey>
- Visit the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). This is a multi-agency central location where individuals, family members, and business owners affected by the fire can talk to government (including City staff from Planning and Building Safety, as well as County Fire) and non-profit agencies that can help them begin the recovery process and access needed services, resources, and support from a variety of public and non-profit agencies. The Malibu DAC is located in the former Malibu Courthouse

(23555 Civic Center Way) and will operate Monday through Saturday, (closed Sundays and holidays) with a [full staffing of agencies and services](#). To confirm hours, click here: [Los Angeles County DAC](#). The Malibu Library (23519 West Civic Center Way) is also assisting the DAC by providing laptops, public PCs, WiFi, and space in the community meeting room. Malibu Library resumed its normal schedule on Monday, November 19, but will also offer special extended hours on the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 23), and on subsequent Fridays and Saturdays to coincide with the DAC hours.

An additional DAC is open in Agoura Hills at the Hilton Foundation Building, 30440 Agoura Road, Agoura CA 91301. The Agoura DAC is operating under the same hours: Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; closed Sundays and holidays.

- Temporary fencing – You may secure your damaged property with temporary chainlink fencing that is no taller than six feet high. No permit is required for this temporary fencing as long as it meets the parameters here: <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23189/Temporary-Fencing>
- Temporary housing – Many people may want to place a temporary residential trailer or mobilehome on their property in anticipation of or during rebuilding. We are finalizing the application forms and process for this. Council action will be necessary to modify existing ordinances pertaining to how long a trailer or mobilehome can remain onsite. In the meantime, additional information can be found here: <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23163/How-Can-I-Rebuild-FAQ>
- The City Council will be addressing changes to the municipal code that may be needed in order to facilitate the rebuilding process. The disaster rebuild provisions currently in the municipal code (see Section 17.60.060(F)) pertain specifically to the 1993 fire and would need to be updated. Additional information will be included in future bulletins as it becomes available. The municipal code can be accessed here: [Malibu Municipal Code \(Malibu, California\)](#).
- The City is in the coastal zone. New residences normally require a coastal development permit (CDP); however, structures destroyed in a natural disaster are eligible for a CDP exemption. Frequently asked questions are addressed here: <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23163/How-Can-I-Rebuild-FAQ>
- Confirm if your property is in the City limits – Many properties have “Malibu, CA 90265” in their addresses, but are not actually located within the city limits of Malibu. Properties outside the City will need to contact Los Angeles County staff for information on rebuilding. Find out if your property is in the City of Malibu limits here: <http://www.malibucity.org/gis>
- Steps you can begin if you want to rebuild – Details for how staff will process rebuild applications are being worked out now, and more information will be provided in a future bulletin, but in the meantime, please visit the DAC and talk with Planning Department staff. A dedicated Malibu Rebuilds website with information and applications is being created.
- Pending Planning applications – Staff is currently displaced from City Hall and normal City services, such as work on pending planning applications, has been suspended

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until further notice. Agendized items for Planning Commission and City Council will be rescheduled as soon as possible. The timing will depend upon access to City Hall and completing the required public noticing for each item.

- Applicants whose properties were affected by the fire who no longer wish to pursue their applications can obtain a refund of some amount of the application fees. Contact planning staff.
- Planning information: The Planning hotline at (310) 456-2489, extension 485, and email at [mplanning@malibucity.org](mailto:mplanning@malibucity.org) are being monitored daily during Emergency Operations Center hours (generally 6 AM to 6 PM daily, except Thanksgiving).
- General Information: The main City Hall phone number (310) 456-2489 is being monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Statistics on Lost and Damaged Structures within the City of Malibu city limits, as of November 20 (assessments are still being finalized):
  - 475 destroyed
  - 12 damaged

### **Stay Informed**

City of Malibu Woolsey Fire webpage

<http://malibucity.org/Woolsey>

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