



City of Malibu

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POST-FIRE REBUILD BULLETIN #3

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This is the third of a series of bulletins that will be issued regularly to provide information to residents and property owners about the rebuilding process and also regular planning and permitting activities. A new FAQ document with information from the previous bulletin, and other new information has been posted here: <http://malibucity.org/888/Rebuild>.

Debris Removal

- Ash & debris – **Do not remove ash or debris until a hazardous materials inspection is completed on your property.** *REMEMBER:* fire debris and ash contain toxic materials and are especially dangerous when they are disturbed and become airborne. N-95 masks should be worn if you are going to look through debris for any surviving items. Further information is available at <http://malibucity.org/debris>.
 - All properties will be assessed by state and county hazardous materials officials and hazardous materials will be removed (Phase I). **An interactive map and list of properties that have been assessed by the County Fire Department Haz Mat Team is available at: <http://malibucity.org/debris>.**
 - After the Phase I Assessment property owners have two options to complete the rest of the debris removal and prepare the site for rebuilding (Phase II): Opt into the state-led Phase II debris removal program, or opt out and complete of a Local Fire Debris Removal Program Application separately. Forms and further information about both options are available at <http://malibucity.org/debris>.
- Property owners must opt-in to the CalRecycle program by January 28, 2019 by submitting a Right-of-Entry (ROE) Permit for Residential Debris Removal.**
- Since debris and ash from the fire may contain materials and particulates that are hazardous to health and safety, **the City of Malibu prohibits the use of leaf blowers within the area of the city west of Malibu Canyon Road to the western city limit.** Effective immediately through August 1, 2019. If you need to report unauthorized debris removal activity please email DCleavenger@malibucity.org with the address of the property where the removal is occurring.
 - Guidelines for swimming pools impacted by Fire, Smoke, and Ash are available at <https://malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23274/Guidelines-for-Swimming-Pools-Impacted-by-Smoke-and-Ash>.

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County Town Hall Meetings

- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, whose district includes much of the Woolsey Fire-affected areas, will host two town halls to provide resources for residents and answer questions that have arisen following the fires. In addition to Supervisor Kuehl and her staff, many agencies involved in the Woolsey Fire recovery effort will be present including the LA County Office of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and LA County Public Works. Elected officials and staff from the affected jurisdictions have also been invited.
 - NEXT TOWN HALL: Sunday, December 16th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90263

The forum will also be live streamed on the County's Facebook page:
<https://t.co/bOKESwHRIM>

New Planning Applications

Many people who lost homes in the fire are looking at options for rebuilding. A flow chart of Development Options for properties affected by the fire is now available at https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23280/Planning-Fire-Rebuild-Options_Dated-November-29-2018. Staff are happy to explain processes and options at fire rebuild counter, Malibu Disaster Recovery Center, and using the contact information below.

- Planning Verification (PV)
 - The simplest option is an in-kind replacement of the legally permitted structures on the property. "In-kind" means the replacement structures will be in the same location on the site, the same size, and same height as the previous development. The PV process is designed to document what was previously on the property based on any plans, permits or other documentation available. Once your PV is approved, your design professional can prepare construction drawings to match and obtain building permits for rebuilding.
 - You may submit a Planning Verification (PV) Application by calling the Planning hotline at (310) 456-2489, extension 485, or emailing at mplanning@malibucity.org to set up a pre-submittal appointment. The application form and checklist are available at https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23370/PLN_PV_like-for-like_Submittal-Checklist_121018.
- Temporary Trailer Application
 - A temporary owner-occupied mobile home or trailer may be placed onsite while construction is taking place if permits are obtained with the certain conditions of approval listed on the new Temporary Trailer Application.
 - In addition, debris clearance must be completed and a City-registered OWTS practitioner must verify that there is a functioning onsite wastewater treatment system (also known as a septic system) before any placement of a temporary trailer or mobile home.
 - Temporary Residential Mobile Home or Trailer Applications may be downloaded at <http://malibucity.org/888/Rebuild> and submitted in person at City Hall.

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Existing Permit Research Resources

A variety of sources may be used for permit research in order to establish building square footage, siting, height, number of bedrooms and number of plumbing fixtures, including but not limited to:

- City Records
 - Search for public records on OnBase, including recorded documents, City Council, and Commission agendas, minutes, and resolutions, building permits, geology reports, and septic approvals. Directions on how to use OnBase can be found here: <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23269/OnBase-Building-Permit-Search-Handout>.
 - Complete a Request for Public Information for more detailed property records held by the City. Requests may be completed at <https://www.malibucity.org/records>.
- California Coastal Commission: Request records from the California Coastal Commission Ventura office for records dating as far back as 1977 by emailing Barbara Rodriguez at BRodriguez@coastal.ca.gov to. Be sure to include the assessor's parcel number (APN), the owner's or previous owner's name, your name, and the street number of the property you're interested in. The office can also be reached at (805) 585-1800, and is located at 89 South California Street in Ventura.
- LA County Assessor Office: Visit <https://portal.assessor.lacounty.gov/>. Note that the Assessor's Office in Culver City may also have paper records of permitted building additions that might not be reflected in the square footage shown online. Contact the West District Office at 310-665-5300. The main website can be accessed here: <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/office-locations/>.

Additional Information

- The Planning Departments "Frequently Asked Questions" are updated as new information comes in and can be viewed at <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23270/How-Can-I-Rebuild-FAQ-181128-002>.
- Onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), sometimes called septic systems, need to be inspected by a City-registered OWTS practitioner to verify their functionality before they can be used for either a permanent rebuild or a temporary trailer. Additional information about fire damaged OWTS and a list of practitioners may be found at <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/23291/Onsite-Wastewater-Treatment-System-Post-Fire-Information>.
- Contact a design professional to help you assess options and prepare construction plans (see <http://malibucity.org/888/Rebuild> and click on Contractors for ideas); begin researching permitting records for your property – these will be needed to demonstrate what you are allowed to rebuild (See info later in this document).
- Contact the Los Angeles County Fire Department to confirm rebuild requirements (such as vehicular access and water pressure) at (818) 880-0341 or 26600 Agoura Road, #110, Calabasas, CA (8:00AM to 12:00PM Monday through Thursday).
- Rain is in the forecast – Prepare for rain and associated debris flows and mudslides. See the Storm Preparation Information on this page: <https://www.malibucity.org/898/Storm-Preparation>
- Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting – **Monday, December 17**. See the agenda package at <https://www.malibucity.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12172018-1245>.
- Pending Planning applications – Staff returned to City Hall on 11/27/18 and has begun to resume normal City services, such as work on pending planning applications. Agendized items for Planning Commission and City Council will be rescheduled as soon as possible, depending upon completing the required public noticing for each item. Applicants whose properties were

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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.

Stay Informed

More information will be provided in future bulletins, but in the meantime, please use the resources below and visit City Hall to talk with Planning Department and Building Safety Division staff.

- 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>
- Malibu Rebuilds Website – The City recovery site, <https://www.malibucity.org/rebuild> contains detailed information on how to rebuild or restore your property and other resources. Information is being updated continually so be sure to check back often.
- Visit the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). 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 DRC 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, visit <https://www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire-disaster-recovery-centers/>. 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.
- Talk to us!
 - City Hall is open and includes a dedicated Fire Rebuild Counter on the second floor that will be open during all City Hall business hours to assist property owners with questions about the rebuilding and other post-fire processes.
 - Counter hours are planned as follows:
 - Planning and Building Safety Counters – Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and afternoons by appointment for submittals, with additional backup planners available as necessary
 - Environmental Health & Geology – Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Public Works – Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 - Biology – Tuesdays, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Planning Contact Information: The Planning hotline at (310) 456-2489, extension 485, and email at mplanning@malibucity.org are being monitored daily during regular City Hall hours.
- Building Safety Division Contact Information: The Environmental Sustainability Department/ Building Safety Division hotline at (310) 456-2489, extension 371, and email at mbuilding@malibucity.org are being monitored daily during regular City Hall hours.