



# City of Malibu News

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## City of Malibu Provides Update on Palisades Fire Response and Recovery Efforts

(Malibu, CA) – January 14, 2025 – Mayor Doug Stewart provided an update today on the City of Malibu’s ongoing response and recovery efforts following the devastating Palisades Fire.

“First and foremost, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the first responders, emergency crews, and all the agencies and organizations who have been working tirelessly during this crisis,” said Mayor Stewart. “Your bravery and commitment in the face of such immense challenges are deeply appreciated, and we are forever grateful for your service.”

The City acknowledges the frustration and hardship residents are experiencing. “Many of you are understandably anxious to return to your homes. We hear you and are doing everything in our power to make that happen as quickly and safely as possible,” Mayor Stewart said.

However, the Mayor noted that Malibu remains in the midst of an **active fire incident**. Red Flag and Extreme Weather conditions are expected to persist through tomorrow, and crews are working to address multiple hazards, including gas leaks, hot spots, downed power lines, and secondary collapses. The Mayor assured the community that City staff are fully engaged and working around the clock alongside partners to respond to this **historic and unprecedented event**. Efforts include inspecting infrastructure, clearing debris, assisting with damage assessments, and stabilizing the area to ensure safe re-entry. The City is also laying the groundwork for expedited rebuilding efforts once recovery begins.

The City dispelled rumors about expedited re-entry permits, emphasizing that **no such permits exist**. Additionally, private contractors hired by residents are not permitted to access evacuation zones at this time. “We urge all residents to adhere to evacuation orders for their safety and the safety of crews working tirelessly in these areas,” said Mayor Stewart.

Damage assessments are ongoing. Residents in evacuation zones can visit [www.recovery.lacounty.gov](http://www.recovery.lacounty.gov) to access photos and updates as CalFire completes its evaluations.

Southern California Edison (SCE) continues to monitor conditions and will re-energize circuits when it is safe, even for short periods. Residents are encouraged to use these temporary reprieves to charge devices and prepare for potential outages.

SoCalGas crews are actively working in **Area 1, north and west of Pepperdine University**. As of this morning, service has been restored to 678 customers out of the approximately 13,600 initially impacted. Restoration efforts continue, and residents can visit the **SoCalGas community information booth** at Pavilions, 29211 Heathercliff Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for updates and assistance.

Access to mandatory evacuation zones remains prohibited. Residents with critical needs, such as pet recovery or medication, can call **310-456-2489** to provide their information and specific needs. The City is working with Incident Command to assist where possible.

The City is actively participating in the **Disaster Recovery Assistance Center** at Westside Pavilions, 10850 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, to assist residents navigating the rebuilding process.

A **Town Hall meeting** for Malibu residents is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 21, at 6 p.m. at Malibu High School**. The meeting will provide updates, answer questions, and share information about ongoing recovery efforts.

For ongoing updates specific to Malibu, residents are encouraged to follow the City's official channels:

- **Facebook, Instagram, and X:** @CityofMalibu
- **Website:** [www.malibucity.org/palisadesfire](http://www.malibucity.org/palisadesfire)

For financial assistance and additional resources, visit [www.recovery.lacounty.gov](http://www.recovery.lacounty.gov) or the Disaster Recovery Assistance Center.

“We know this fire has taken a profound toll on our community,” said Mayor Stewart. “To the families who have lost loved ones and those still searching for missing family members, please know that our hearts are with you. We grieve alongside you and stand ready to support you in any way we can during this incredibly difficult time.”

The City of Malibu thanks residents for their **strength, patience, and resilience** during this challenging time. “Together, we will overcome this crisis and rebuild stronger than ever,” said Mayor Stewart.

**For more information, please contact:**

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