



City of Malibu

Storm Preparation Following Fire – Preparing for Possible Mudslides

The Woolsey Fire left the hillsides with no vegetation to stabilize the soil. Rainstorms that follow a wildfire can create soil conditions that may produce rock and debris flows. These flows form rapidly, and can be particularly devastating during high-intensity rainfall. Additionally, areas that are not typically prone to flooding may now be at new risk due to higher than usual flows in nearby streams and creeks.

In preparation of upcoming rain on Wednesday, November 21, staff will clear storm drains throughout the City and will continually monitor rainfall and stream flow for potential rockslides and mudslides, particularly in the heavily burned areas. For the latest weather, visit the National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov.

Residents are strongly urged to be prepared for the threat of flash floods and debris flow. **If rockslides or mudslides threaten public safety, a new evacuation order may be necessary. All residents are urged to comply with any such evacuation orders and evacuate the area as quickly as possible.**

How can you prepare for a storm and possible evacuation?

1. Sign up for Emergency Alerts

- ✓ City of Malibu emergency, traffic and other alerts: www.MalibuCity.org/news (Alert Center)
- ✓ City of Malibu disaster notifications: www.MalibuCity.org/disasternotifications
- ✓ Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management notifications
<https://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la> or call (323) 980-2260

2. Prepare and Place Sandbags

Sandbags are available to Malibu residents at local Los Angeles County Fire Stations, while supplies last. Residents, with valid ID, may bag up to 25 sandbags per household. Sandbags, sand and shovels will be provided.

LA County Fire Station Locations:

Station #70 - 3970 Carbon Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA 90265

Station #71 - 28722 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90265

Station #88 - 23720 Malibu Rd, Malibu, CA 90265

Station #99 - 32550 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90265

- ✓ Redirect water by placing sandbags to divert mud and other debris flows away from buildings
- ✓ Clear a path for debris
- ✓ Place protective measures to divert debris, not dam it
- ✓ Work with your neighbors

3. Prepare Your Supplies

Having just repopulated from the Woolsey Fire evacuations, please take a moment to prepare supplies, in case of a secondary storm-related evacuation.

Replenish your evacuation supplies. There may have been items you needed during your first evacuation, which you did not have. Determine what you will need and gather a secondary round of items.

In case of evacuation, have your car packed:

- ✓ Park your car, facing out, at the end of your driveway
- ✓ Have at least half a tank of gas at all times
- ✓ Keep parked vehicles away from potential slide areas
- ✓ Leave gates open
- ✓ Make sure trash cans are not left on streets
- ✓ Stock up on water and non-perishable food items
- ✓ Stock up on family medical supplies (7-day supply)
- ✓ Stock up on pet supplies
- ✓ Make a checklist of your personal items, such as family photos and items special to you
- ✓ Gather identification, such as passports and birth certificates, credit cards, insurance papers, computers
- ✓ **Don't wait! Evacuate!**

If you believe you are in danger, evacuate immediately, even if an evacuation order is not yet in place. Follow instructions from emergency personnel.

4. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works support

The LA County Department of Public Works (DPW) is dispatching civil engineers to inspect properties in the burn area. Once these engineering teams have evaluated a property, an assessment document will be left behind. If residents are not home, this document will be left in a clear and visible location.

The LA County DPW assessment document will include:

- ✓ Sandbag recommendation – quantity and placement suggestion
- ✓ Contact information for direct engineering support

Residents can take the LA County DPW assessment document to the local fire station when picking up sandbags. Based on the assessment document's recommendation, you may be allotted more than the maximum 25 sandbags.

How to contact the LA County DPW engineering assessors:

- ✓ Visit the Malibu Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). Representatives will be stationed there. The DAC is operating out of the former Malibu Courthouse (23519 W Civic Center Way, Malibu). Hours of operation are: Monday through Saturday, 10am-6pm (closed Sundays and holidays, including Thanksgiving Day)
- ✓ Visit: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/fire/>
- ✓ Email or Call: Michael Miranda, LA County DPW Civil Engineer, mmiranda@dpw.lacounty.gov or 626-458-6164, or call the LA County DPW 24-hour Dispatch at 800-675-HELP (4357)

5. Contact Information.

To reach the Malibu EOC with questions, call 310-456-2489. The EOC phone is being staffed 24 hours. City of Malibu Woolsey Fire information page: www.MalibuCity.org/woolsey

Residents are also encouraged to access information through the fire recovery resources below:

- LA County Woolsey Fire Website: www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire/
- CalEPA Disaster Response and Preparedness: www.calepa.ca.gov/disaster
- CalRecycle Wildfire Debris Cleanup and Recovery: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/disaster/wildfires>
- FEMA: www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 800-621-3362
- National Weather Service: www.weather.gov