



# City of Malibu News

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## **City of Malibu Responds to the Palisades Fire: A Historic and Unprecedented Disaster**

Malibu, CA – January 9, 2025 – The Palisades Fire, which has been confirmed as one of the most destructive natural disasters in the history of Los Angeles, remains an active and dangerous threat. Fire crews, with aircraft support, are working tirelessly to combat the fire. Extreme weather conditions, including low humidity and shifting winds, continue to pose a significant threat for firefighting efforts and the safety of residents. Spanning over 17,000 acres, the fire has caused catastrophic damage, with thousands of structures – including homes, commercial buildings, vehicles and outbuildings – damaged or destroyed.

Mayor Doug Stewart stated, “This is an unprecedented disaster for Malibu, Palisades and the Los Angeles region. The sheer scale of the destruction is staggering, and we know how deeply this impacts every member of our community. Our hearts go out to everyone affected, and our neighboring communities experiencing a similar fate.”

Damage assessments are ongoing, and the exact number is unclear – but estimates are in the thousands. CALFIRE has clarified that the definition of “structures” expands beyond homes and commercial buildings, but is inclusive of vehicles, motorhomes, outbuildings and other property.

Residents should understand that this is an unparalleled disaster, and recovery efforts will take time. The City asks for patience and cooperation as emergency responders and utility crews work to stabilize the situation and begin the rebuilding process.

Mayor Stewart added, “We are dealing with a natural disaster the likes of which this area has never seen. We want residents to know that while this is a long road ahead, we are committed to doing everything we can to rebuild and recover together.”

Big Rock, Carbon Mesa and La Costa have been among the hardest-hit neighborhoods in Malibu, with significant destruction reported. However, the fire has impacted numerous areas across Malibu, with evacuation orders and warning still in place.

### Evacuation Orders and Warnings

#### Mandatory Evacuation Orders:

The following neighborhoods remain under mandatory evacuation orders. Residents in these areas must evacuate immediately and follow all safety instructions from emergency personnel:

- MAL-C11-A: Carbon Canyon, Carbon Beach East, La Costa Beach, La Costa (hillside), Las Flores Creek
- MAL-C111-B: Las Flores Mesa, Eastern Malibu, Big Rock, Las Tunas Beach, Topanga Beach Road
- MAL-C112-B: Carbon Beach Terrace, Carbon Beach

- RMB-U030-A: Upper Rambla Pacifica, Upper Las Flores, Hume Road, LA County Fire Station No. 8, Unincorporated Los Angeles County
- RMB-U030-B: Piuma Road, Upper Malibu Creek, Unincorporated Los Angeles County

#### Evacuation Warnings:

The following neighborhoods are under evacuation warnings. Residents should remain vigilant, monitor official updates, and be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice if conditions worsen:

- MAL-C112-A: Carbon Beach West/Malibu Beach, Sweetwater Canyon, Sweetwater Mesa, Serra Retreat, Malibu Creek, Cross Creek, Malibu Colony, Civic Center, Malibu Knolls, Malibu Road, Malibu Country Estates, Puerco Canyon

“First responders are working tirelessly to protect lives and property, and their ability operate effectively depends on full cooperation from the community,” said Mayor Stewart. “If you are in a mandatory evacuation zone, please leave immediately for your safety and to allow emergency crews to do their jobs without additional risks.”

**Power and Gas Shutoffs:** Southern California Edison (SCE) has implemented Public Safety Power Shutoffs affecting several circuits in Malibu. Southern California Gas has also shut off service, affecting approximately 15,000 customers. As a reminder, residents are urged not to attempt reconnecting gas service themselves. SoCalGas crews will safely restore service when conditions allow.

“In times of crisis, it is vital to rely on trusted sources of accurate and up-to-date information. We urge our residents to use the following channels to stay informed,” said Mayor Stewart.

#### Emergency Information and Resources:

Los Angeles County: [lacounty.gov/emergency](http://lacounty.gov/emergency) and [211la.org](http://211la.org)

City of Malibu: [malibucity.org/PalisadesFire](http://malibucity.org/PalisadesFire) or call the City Hotline at 310-456-2489.

Local Radio: Tune into KBUU 99.1 FM for real-time updates.

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu has established an emergency relief fund to assist those impacted. Donations can be made at [donate.onecause.com/bgcmalibu/donate](http://donate.onecause.com/bgcmalibu/donate).

“Our community is facing one of its greatest challenges, but we will get through this together,” Mayor Stewart said. “While the road ahead will be long, we will remain strong, resilient, and united. We ask for patience, cooperation and kindness as we navigate this unprecedented disaster.”

For ongoing updates and resources, please visit <https://malibucity.org/PalisadesFire>.

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**NOTE FOR THE MEDIA:** During the current emergency incident members of the media can reach the City of Malibu's on-shift Public Information Officer for media requests at 310-456-2489, x333 or [PIO@malibucity.org](mailto:PIO@malibucity.org).

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