# **Oregonians Affected by Wildfires**

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## **Apply for FEMA Assistance**

Registration is open for those affected by wildfires in Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, and Marion counties. Register by visiting **DisasterAssistance.gov**, calling **800-621-3362** or using the FEMA app.

### Stay Informed

Stay informed by **calling 211** or visiting <u>wildfire.oregon.gov</u>. This Oregon Wildfire Resource website includes the latest information and resources available to those affected by wildfires.

#### Be Safe

If you are in an evacuation zone, heed warnings, and follow local official recommendations without delay. If you are in a safe place, you can help by staying home and off the road.

#### Additional Information on:

# **Applying for FEMA Assistance**

- Registration is open for those affected by the wildfires in the eight designated counties. If you have phone or internet access, register by visiting disasterassistance.gov, calling 800-621-3362 or using the FEMA app.
- The Major Disaster declaration for the State of Oregon triggered the release of federal funds for Individual Assistance for Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, and Marion Counties.
- Do not wait for a fixed location to register for assistance.
- Save your receipts and take photos before you begin the clean-up process.
  Documentation of losses will help FEMA process your claim.



 Disaster assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

# **Staying Informed**

- Stay informed by dialing 211 or **866-698-6155**. You can also text your zip code to **898211 (TXT211)**.
- For a list of temporary shelters, see the Red Cross Oregon website.
- Visit <u>ORVOAD.org</u> to find out how to help Oregonians and donate to response organizations.
- Contact your insurance company as soon as possible to discuss homeowner insurance policies and wildfire coverage. Visit Oregon Insurance Commission's website for information on wildfire insurance resources.

#### How to be Safe

- Amid wildfire, smoke and erratic weather, the COVID-19 pandemic is still rampant. Face coverings are required in all parts of the state and Oregonians are reminded to maintain social distancing, and wash hands frequently.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's <u>Disaster Distress Helpline</u> provides 24/7 counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to disasters. Call SAMHSA's <u>Disaster Distress Helpline</u> at 800-985-5990 or text **TalkWithUs** to 66746 to speak to a trained crisis counselor.

