

# Oregonians Affected by Wildfires - Housing Assistance Is Available

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## Housing Assistance is Available

Housing assistance is available to survivors displaced by Oregon wildfires. The first step to finding out what assistance is available to you is to apply with FEMA for federal disaster assistance.

In addition, temporary housing solutions are approved to assist survivors in Jackson, Linn, and Marion counties. FEMA will reach out to individual households that are potentially eligible based on the results of their FEMA inspection.

## Flooding After Wildfires: Know Your Risk

Burn scars left by an intense wildfire cannot absorb water. When it rains, the runoff goes downhill which increases the chance of catastrophic flooding, mudslides, and debris flow. Flood insurance is available.

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

- Survivors should contact their insurance companies as soon as possible to access their benefits.
- FEMA housing assistance is tailored to individual and household needs based on information provided during the application process. We encourage people to apply for FEMA assistance as soon as possible to ensure they receive the benefits for which they are eligible.
- The American Red Cross has secured hotel stays for survivors. If you need shelter, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit <https://www.redcross.org/local/oregon/get-help.html>
- FEMA is already providing applicants with rental assistance and repair and replacement funds.
- The state and FEMA are developing a plan to provide temporary housing solutions recently approved in Jackson, Linn, and Marion counties. These



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solutions are tailored to the individual needs of survivors based on how quickly their homes can be repaired to a safe, sanitary, and functional condition, and the availability of housing options in their communities.

- To be eligible for FEMA assistance, Oregon wildfire survivors must apply and reside in a county that has been designated for Individual Assistance. Temporary housing solutions are available in Jackson, Linn, and Marion counties. Damage must be to the person's primary residence and must be a result of the wildfires and/or winds.
- FEMA will reach out to individual households who are potentially eligible for direct temporary housing based on the results of their FEMA inspection.

## **FLOODING AFTER WILDFIRES: KNOW YOUR RISK**

- After an intense wildfire, burned ground cover and soil can prevent rain from being absorbed into the ground soil. This increases the risk of flash floods and mudslides.
- Even areas that are not traditionally flood prone are at risk of flash flooding and may be unsafe. If flooding occurs, and you are in an evacuation zone, heed warnings and follow official recommendations without delay.
- Contact a Floodplain Management & Insurance specialist directly at [FEMA-R10-MIT@FEMA.DHS.GOV](mailto:FEMA-R10-MIT@FEMA.DHS.GOV) to have your questions answered.



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