## Wildfire Survivors Should Take Advantage of State and Federal Resources

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FEMA and the state recognize the immense financial and emotional toll wildfires have on individuals and families. While coping with these challenges, here are some resources that may help.

## Where Can I Get Help?

- LACounty.gov/Emergency: Real time evacuation, shelter, and other information.
- 2025 Los Angeles Fires | CA.gov: One-stop shop for wildfire assistance.
  - Get help in person | CA.gov: Wait times for those visiting a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).
- <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>: To register for financial assistance for uninsured or underinsured expenses related to the wildfires.
- <u>988 Lifeline</u>: 24/7 confidential support for mental health crises, thoughts of suicide, or substance use issues. Call or text: **988.**
- Friendship Line California: 24/7 support for Californians aged 60+ to connect with someone ready to provide emotional support and a listening ear. Call?: 1-888-670-1360.
- <u>Emotional Support Services (CalHOPE)</u>: Peer counseling for stress, anxiety, depression or worry.
- Mental Health Support for Youth and Families (CalHOPE): Mental health coaching and resources for parents with kids (ages 0-12) and teens/young adults (ages 13-25).
- <u>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</u> (SAMSHA):
  Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7 crisis counseling and support to survivors experiencing emotional distress related to disasters. SAMSHA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
  - Call 800-985-5990, visit <u>samhsa.gov/</u> or text **TalkWithUs** for English or **Hablamos** for Spanish to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.



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- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a volunteer Crisis Counselor.
- LA County Department of Mental Health:
  - Mental Health and Stress After An Emergency
  - LA County Access Center Hotline

