



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Wildfire Recovery Update

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with state and federal partners, distributes this update of collated and verified information on Oregon's wildfire recovery efforts.

Wildfire Awareness Month: Prevent & Prepare as We Recover

As recovery efforts continue from the lasting impacts of the 2020 wildfires, many Oregonians are wondering what the coming wildfire season will bring -- and what we can do now to be ready.

Proclaimed by Governor Brown, May is recognized as Wildfire Awareness Month. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has partnered with a number of state and county agencies to help inform Oregonians on actions we can take to protect ourselves, our communities and our natural resources from the threat of wildfire.

OEM has assembled a panel of experts to discuss ways to best prepare for and prevent wildfire. The Zoom webinar, which will simultaneously stream live on OEM's Facebook page, will take place at 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 6 and will include a Q&A session. The panel includes subject matter experts from the following:

- [Oregon Department of Forestry](#)
- [Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal](#)
- [Oregon State University Extension Service Forestry and Fire Program](#)
- [Keep Oregon Green Association](#)
- [Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Oregon](#)
- [Oregon Office of Emergency Management](#)

The topics will focus on what we can do to prevent wildfires and prepare our homes and families, while also providing a forecast for the upcoming wildfire season. Viewers will learn about debris burning and campfire safety, creating defensible space around homes and property, and resources to help prepare and plan for evacuation.

Pre-registration is required to attend the Zoom event; register for the [Zoom meeting](#) and engage on [Facebook Live](#).

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered persons: **1,285**
Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: **291**
Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Hazardous trees removed: **31,484**
Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Home Sites Cleared: **1,663** (54.3%
of total home sites)
Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants:
25,251
Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program
Amount Approved: \$36.7 million
Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency



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Have Questions about Debris or Hazard Tree Removal?

The sheer scope of work for debris cleanup and hazard tree removal is staggering and impacts thousands of Oregonians. The complexities can be confusing and seem overwhelming for many, especially those working to recover and rebuild.

Whether your property was damaged during the wildfires and you have a question about a potential hazard tree, need help with a Right of Entry form, or are interested in the progress so far, Oregon's Debris Management Task Force has a resource to answer your questions.

You can speak with someone directly through the debris cleanup **hotline at 503-934-1700** or via email at **dot.wildfire@odot.or.us**.

For more information, status updates and more, check out **debriscleanupnews.com**.

You can also find useful resources like Right of Entry forms at **wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup**.

Resources for Smoke & Air Quality Alerts

It's Air Quality Awareness Week -- a great reminder to be prepared for future wildfire seasons. Oregon DEQ offers a number of excellent resources to keep Oregonians updated on the air quality in their area.

Check out [Oregon Smoke Information](#) to view a Fire and Air Quality Map on the air quality in your area; sign up for email or text air quality alerts; and view frequently asked questions about air quality. Or download the OregonAir app to stay updated when it matters most. You can also follow DEQ on [Twitter](#), where it regularly posts smoke information.

Being prepared involves gathering important items and documents, but it also includes ensuring you are connecting to the right alert systems to receive critical information when you need it.

NOTE: This publication is released every Wednesday.

Check **wildfire.oregon.gov** or visit our **[Twitter](#)** or **[Facebook](#)** pages for additional updates.

This publication is available in Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese on the [Oregon Wildfire Recovery Website: Oregon Wildfire Recovery - Media Resources](#). It is also available in large print, braille and additional formats. For assistance, call 971-719-1183 or email language@state.or.us. We accept all relay calls, or you can dial 711.

Help is Available for 2020 Wildfire Survivors!



Assistance with Basic Needs

Recovery starts with meeting basic needs.

If you have been impacted by the 2020 Oregon wildfires, call 211 or email help@211info.org to speak with a specialist about resources in your community.

Visit the Oregon Department of Human Services at govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits for help with food, childcare, and medical coverage. Find a food bank near you at oregonfoodbank.org

Lines for Life

Lines for Life, a FEMA-funded outreach program, connects individuals with compassionate assistance and resources such as housing/shelter support, food assistance, legal assistance, transportation, small business relief and more. These services are free, confidential and have no eligibility criteria.



To connect with Lines for Life call 971-420-1029 for English, 971-420-1018 for Spanish, or email FEMAhelp@linesforlife.org.



INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active Recovery Dashboard](#)

[Oregon Wildfire News](#)

[Emergency Management Websites by County](#)

[Oregon Insurance Commission](#)

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