



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wildfire Recovery Update

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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.

Responding to 2021 Wildfires while Recovering

As numerous large wildfires rage across the state's drought-impacted lands, we find ourselves focused on response in tandem with recovery. Just as firefighters and first responders adapt as they engage, our state must adapt – not only to the impacts from these emergencies, but also to the complexities of preparing for a changing climate. These changes are real, making the type of risks now confronting our state different from those we faced even a decade ago.

These once-historic events are becoming indicators, not anomalies or outliers, of what we can continue to expect. Each disaster is unique, as is how we prepare and respond, in terms of resources, best practices, available funding and assistance. As Oregon faces this wildfire season, recovery for the affected communities and results for Oregonians remains a top priority.

Debris Cleanup Update

With the arrival of another wildfire season in Oregon, the Oregon Debris Management Task Force knows that somber memories and trauma from 2020 remain. To date, 73% of statewide debris removal work is complete with many fire areas weeks away from full completion. A majority of fire-damaged trees statewide have been assessed and 34% of hazard tree removal work is complete. As the task force continues to make progress removing community safety threats, re-opening highways and clearing debris from last year's wildfires, it continues to help 2020 wildfire survivors. The task force hotline is staffed for all hazard tree and debris-related questions; call 503-934-1700 or email questions to odot.wildfire@odot.state.or.us.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered Persons: 1,013

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: 383

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Hazardous Trees Removed: 52,558

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Home Sites Cleared: 2,448

(82.8% of total home sites)

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants:

25,251

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

IA Amount Approved: \$37.4 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency



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OHCS Looks at Housing Supply Strategies, Seeks Properties

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is working on several intermediate and permanent housing supply strategies, including the bulk purchase of RVs and modular homes. New funding from the Oregon Legislature dedicated to wildfire recovery will aid in acquiring these options to increase the supply of housing, along with securing suitable properties for short and long-term housing developments. Additional legislative funding is aimed at establishing landlord incentives to house wildfire survivors at existing properties as vacancies become available. OHCS would like to hear from landlords and property owners who are interested in working with the agency on housing strategies; email housinginfo@oregon.gov.

OHCS Executive Director Margaret Salazar spoke recently about the incredible partnerships in Lane County to establish preferences at affordable housing properties to help stabilize survivors from the Holiday Farm Fire, while rebuilding occurs in communities along the McKenzie River. Watch the video [here](#).

Oregonians Urged to Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance

Rental assistance resources are currently available in Oregon through the [Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) (OERAP). Although Oregon's residential eviction moratorium expired on June 30, new state law gives renters until February 28, 2022 to repay all rent accrued between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Qualified individuals must first apply for rental assistance to help pay back current and future rent, and utility payments; the program is offered to all eligible renters regardless of immigration status. Check [OERAP](#) for qualifications and to apply.

NOTE: This publication is released bi-weekly on Wednesdays. Follow 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.

Safe + Strong Helpline

The Safe+Strong Helpline is available for children and adults who are struggling with stress, anxiety or other disaster-related depression-like symptoms.

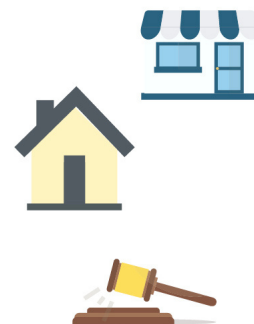
Visit: www.safestrongoregon.org
Or call: **800-923-4357**



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



211info Expands Hours, Services

211info is now open 24/7 until further notice. The agency, which connects people with health and social service organizations, has also expanded to include enhanced information and referral and assistance programs that target specific services. Learn more at <https://www.211info.org>.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active Recovery Dashboard](#)
[Oregon Wildfire News](#)
[Emergency Management Websites by County](#)
[Oregon Insurance Commission](#)