

Information for Renters Impacted by the Fires

Grant Assistance to a Household:

- Special Needs Assistance Grants: \$770 one-time payment to afford immediate needs like food, water, hygiene, and transportation.
- FEMA Individual Assistance - For Housing: The maximum amount a homeowner can receive through the FEMA Individual Assistance grant program for home repair and replacement, and for temporary housing, is up to \$43,600.
- FEMA Individual Assistance - For Other Needs: Another \$43,600 is available in the form of a grant from FEMA to cover medical expenses, damage to a vehicle, household items/property, funeral expenses, moving/storage, and childcare expenses, etc.

To Apply for FEMA Assistance [Click Here](#).

Small Business Administration Loans for Homeowners and Renters:

- SBA loans can cover up to \$100,000 of personal property loss (i.e., furniture, clothing, automobiles) and up to \$500,000 of a homeowner's real property loss (i.e., home repair).
- Second homes and vacation homes are not eligible.
- Loans are for up to 30 years with a maximum interest rate of 4%.
- First payment and interest accrual are deferred for the first 12 months.

To Apply for SBA assistance, [Click Here](#).

Report Housing Violations to the Los Angeles Housing Department

LAHD is responsible for investigating complaints about unsafe living conditions and code violations at multifamily rental properties within the City of Los Angeles. File a Code complaint and let an inspector assess the situation or call (866) 557-7368

<https://housingapp.lacity.org/Rent/InvestigationEnforcement/IEComplaintForm/FillComplaintForm>

City of LA Landlord Harassment Complaints

You can file a harassment complaint with the LA City Housing Department online or by calling (866) 557-7368. You can also file a complaint with the LAPD if your landlord locks you out or cuts off your utilities.

Report Housing Violation for the County of Los Angeles

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at

(800) 593-8222 or via email at rent@dcba.lacounty.gov.

For the most efficient service, [schedule an appointment](#) to speak with a counselor at your preferred time.

Report Rent or Price Gouging

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a [state of emergency](#) in Los Angeles County, which establishes protections against price-gouging. The price of rent or other items cannot be increased by more than 10%. Contact the California Attorney General complaint line to report any rent or price gouging that is taking place. <https://oag.ca.gov/contact/consumer-complaint-against-business-or-company>

Emergency Housing Assistance

- Homeless Shelter Directory: Find shelters listed by state. **Directory**
- Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services: Provides food and shelter during disasters. **Info**
- Airbnb Free Temporary Housing: Apply for temporary housing. **Apply**
- Uber is providing rides up to \$40 for residents to get to temporary shelters riders must apply the promo code WILDFIRE25.

Utility Issues

- For emergency services or to report an outage, call **SCE** at (800) 611-1911.
- Report outages or any downed power lines immediately by calling the **LADWP** at 1-800-DIAL DWP (1-800-342-5397).
- If you suspect a natural gas leak or to report one, evacuate the area immediately and contact **SoCal Gas** from a safe location: 1-800-427-2200. Available 24/7.

Insurance Claims

The California Department of Insurance is available to assist affected Angelenos as they begin working with insurance agents or brokers. They are encouraged to call 1-800-927-4357 or visit the Insurance Wildfire Resources to ask questions about insurance coverage and/or disputes with insurance agencies.

Evacuation Maps

Links for evacuation maps for Los Angeles City and areas outside the city limits.

Click here to see the Los Angeles City fire map: <https://t.co/b8PeUPdxz1>

For areas outside of Los Angeles City Limits, see this map:

<https://lacounty.gov/emergency>

Red - Mandatory Evacuation

Yellow - Warning of Possible Future Evacuation

Air Quality and Health Tips

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has issued an air quality alert. Wildfire smoke and ash can pose serious health risks, especially to sensitive groups like children, older adults, pregnant individuals, and those with heart or lung conditions. To protect yourself and your family, consider the following:

Stay Indoors: Keep windows and doors closed. Use a room with filtered air, such as one equipped with a portable HEPA air cleaner.

Run Your Air Conditioner: Ensure your air conditioner has a clean filter and is set to recirculate indoor air. Avoid using fans or swamp coolers that bring in outdoor air.

Avoid Vigorous Activities: Limit outdoor activities, especially exercise. Keep pets

indoors as much as possible.

Use Respirator Masks:

If you must go outside, wear a properly fitted N-95 or P-100 mask. Surgical and cloth masks are not effective for filtering out smoke particles.

Monitor Air Quality in your Neighborhood: Download the South Coast AQMD app or visit AQMD Air Quality Map for real-time air quality updates. Sign up for alerts at [AirAlerts.org](https://airalerts.org)

For perspective, the Great Chicago Fire burned 3 sq mi. The SF Fire of 1906 was 4 sq mi. The Palisades Fire is over 25 sq mi, Altadena is 18 sq mi, and more to come. That's twice the size of Manhattan.
#prayforLA

Thank you
FIREFIGHTERS



**In Response to the Fires, Tell
State, County & City Officials
We Need a Temporary
Eviction Moratorium &
Rent Freeze NOW!**



Coalition for Economic Survival

CES in the News



The New York Times

Prices Spike on Some L.A. Rentals as Fire Victims Search for Places to Stay

Despite a law against price gouging during a state of emergency, some rental listings have shot up above the allowable 10 percent overnight.

By Danielle Kaye

Jan. 10, 2025

Rental price gouging in Los Angeles is not a new concern for Larry Gross, executive director of the [Coalition for Economic Survival](#), a community-based organization that holds weekly tenants rights clinics. In the past, during emergency orders that banned rent increases above 10 percent, tenants have flagged illegal jumps in rent to his organization, which has helped file complaints with authorities.

But it falls on tenants to report the rent increases and fight them, Mr. Gross said, complicating enforcement of the price-gouging prohibitions.

"We are bracing ourselves, because we've been through various things like this before," Mr. Gross said.

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Los Angeles Times

Rents Likely to Balloon in Wake of L.A. Wildfires, Experts Say

By Liam Dillon & Andrew Khouri
Jan. 10, 2025

Larry Gross, executive director for the tenant rights group [Coalition for Economic Survival](#), said he's worried about thousands of relatively well-off refugees being forced into the region's tight rental market.

He said some landlords would probably try to take advantage of the situation by jacking up rent and evicting tenants in favor of displaced homeowners who could pay more. State [price-gouging rules](#) are supposed to prevent such situations, but Gross said more must be done to ensure enforcement.

"We need to be thinking out of the box," he said. "Both state and city officials need to take action to ensure that this crisis isn't multiplied by profiteers."

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To Our Neighbors Tragically Impacted by
the Horrific LA Area Fires, CES is Here to
Provide Renter Information to Tenants

TENANTS' RIGHTS CLINIC



KNOW YOUR RENTER RIGHTS

TO REQUEST A REGISTRATION

LINK, EMAIL: HelpingLArrenters@gmail.com

SERVING RENTERS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA & BEYOND...

Accommodations for Spanish & Russian speakers are provided.
One-On-One Individual Counseling With an Attorney.



**EVERY SATURDAY
AT 10 AM**

Coalition for Economic Survival

ATTENTION ALL RENTERS!
Know Your Rights By Attending the
Coalition for Economic Survival
Tenants' Rights Zoom Clinic

To sign up for the next Coalition for Economic Survival
Tenants' Rights Clinic via ZOOM
Request a Link by emailing:
HelpingLArrenters@gmail.com

The Clinic serves the entire Southern California area.

Accommodations for Spanish, Russian speakers are provided.

One-On-One Assistance With an Attorney.

CES holds the Clinic **Every Saturday** via Zoom at 10 am.
and every Wednesday at 6 pm for West Hollywood Renters.
To request a link to register for any Clinic
email: HelpingLArenters@gmail.com.

[TO EMAIL REQUESTING A REGISTRATION LINK > CLICK HERE](#)

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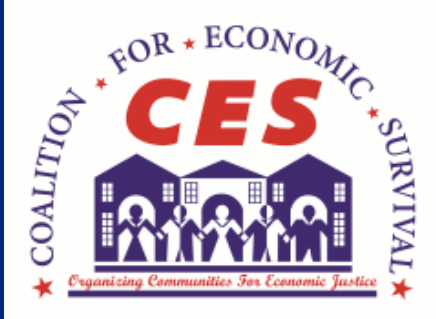


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