



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.

Recreation Status Map Launches Today

A new map launched today showing the status of popular trails, parks and campgrounds -- just in time for Oregonians gearing up for spring adventures. Designed to inform people of fire impacts, restoration efforts and hazardous areas, Oregon's natural resource agencies and outdoor recreation partners created this site status map in collaboration with federal land management agencies.

Showing open, closed and reduced service areas on a single map - regardless of reason for closure and across multiple jurisdictions - this helpful tool provides a one-stop-shop for Oregonians and visitors alike.

Some closed recreation areas are unsafe to enter due to the danger of slides or damaged trails while other areas have ongoing recovery operations and activities. Due to safety concerns, citations or fines may be issued if people enter posted closed areas.

Plan ahead and know before you go to help reduce risk, minimize impacts to recovery efforts and recreate responsibly.

Free private well testing for wildfire-impacted properties

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is providing free private well testing vouchers to well users impacted by the 2020 Oregon wildfires. Apply now through May 15, 2021 at <https://go.usa.gov/xAycC>.

How the well testing voucher works:

1. Apply for a voucher online or mail in a paper application.
2. OHA recommends using this assessment to determine the damage level and testing needs of the well.
3. If your application is approved, OHA will mail you a voucher that covers the testing cost for Arsenic, Nitrate, Bacteria, Lead, and depending on the damage assessment results, Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes (BTEX).
4. Exchange the voucher for testing services at an OHA-contracted lab in your area and submit a water sample.
5. The lab will return the results to you and OHA. OHA will provide recommendations if results are high.

More information, eligibility criteria and applications are online. The application deadline is May 15 2021. If you need more time, just let OHA know by going here.

Contact domestic.wells@dhsosha.state.or.us or 971-673-0440 for questions.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered persons: **1,271**

Individuals in Direct Housing: **289**

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Hazardous trees removed: **10,914**

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants:

25,251

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Amount Approved: \$35.5 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency.

*Total registration count may vary due to applications pending review.

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OSU Extension and partners offer free wildfire preparedness webinars

The Oregon State University's Forest and Natural Resources Extension Fire Program is hosting a free webinar series to help Oregonians prepare for future wildfire seasons.

The webinar series is part of a statewide campaign called "Fire Aware. Fire Prepared." The webinars introduce core ideas and offer actions that families and communities can take to prepare themselves ahead of every wildfire season.

The "Wildfire Wednesdays" webinar series launched on March 17 with future webinars scheduled for March 31, April 14, April 28, May 19, June 2 and June 16. In addition, the program will host local online sessions, during which participants will learn details about fire and emergency response specific to their county or area.

This program is a collaboration between OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Fire Program, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal and Keep Oregon Green Association. For more information, visit <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program/online-webinar-guide>.



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HELP WITH FOOD AND COUNSELING IS AVAILABLE

Times are tough and the recovery process can seem overwhelming, but you are not alone! There are many resources to help you in your time of need.

Oregon Food Bank and Oregon Dept. of Human Services (ODHS)



For Oregonians in need of emergency food, the Oregon Food Bank works with a cooperative, statewide network of partner agencies to distribute food to hungry people.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) supports a variety of nutritional and educational programs operated through Oregon Food Bank's statewide network of 21 regional food banks. For more information, go to Oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/food-benefits/pages/food-resources.aspx.

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 safestrongoregon.org/mental-emotional-health. Call 800-923-4357.

This free service is provided by the Oregon Health Authority and Portland-based nonprofit agency Lines for Life.

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 - anyone who needs support, gets support. To connect with a member of its team, call 971-420-1028 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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