



# 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.

### FEMA's Direct Temporary Housing Site Opens in Mill City

Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) are moving onto a newly constructed site in Mill City that will provide temporary housing to qualified Oregon wildfire survivors and their families. Construction at the site began earlier this month, with work completed ahead of schedule. Currently, 13 units are scheduled for placement, providing much needed temporary housing for qualified residents of Linn and Marion counties.

In addition to Linn and Marion counties, the Direct Housing mission is establishing temporary housing for qualified disaster survivors in Jackson and Lincoln counties in sites like the one in Mill City. Housing units are chosen based on family composition and needs, as well as to ensure requirements for access or functional needs are met.

Currently, 241 approved families are scheduled to receive FEMA Direct Temporary Housing in four counties. To date, 87 families whose homes were severely damaged or destroyed by the September wildfires have been licensed-in to temporary housing units from FEMA. These units are placed in established RV parks or in FEMA-constructed group sites.

### HUMAN IMPACTS

Sheltered persons: **1,074**

Source: American Red Cross & Oregon Department of Human Services

Households in Direct Housing: **87**

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Individual Assistance Registrants:  
**25,245**

Amount Approved: **\$33.7 million**

\*Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency;  
Total registration count may vary due to applications pending review.

Parcels cleared of  
hazardous waste: **2,285**

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

### Lane County approved for FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Lane County this week became the fifth county to be approved for FEMA Direct Temporary Housing. Through this program, qualified survivors from Oregon's September wildfires are provided a place to stay while longer-term recovery plans can be made.

As debris removal is safely completed and infrastructure established, housing units are brought in to provide homes for wildfire survivors while they secure more permanent housing solutions. Survivors who live in one a county designated for direct housing - have applied with FEMA and been determined eligible for federal assistance - will be considered and contacted by FEMA directly.

Assistance is available for up to 18 months from the date of the disaster declaration, from Sept. 15, 2020 through March 15, 2022.

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## HELP WITH FOOD AND COUNSELING IS AVAILABLE

If you are an Oregonian experiencing food scarcity and 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 Housing & Community Services (OHCS) assists with food programs by supporting a variety of nutritional and educational programs that are 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](https://Oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/food-benefits/pages/food-resources.aspx).

Help is also available for Oregonians in need of counseling assistance. The Safe+Strong Helpline is available for both children and adults who are struggling with stress, anxiety or other disaster-related depression-like symptoms. For help, call 800-923-4357 or visit [safestrongoregon.org/mental-emotional-health](https://safestrongoregon.org/mental-emotional-health). This is a free service provided by the Oregon Health Authority and Portland-based nonprofit agency Lines for Life.

## Hazardous tree removal continues throughout Oregon

Hazardous tree removal continues throughout the state, with some logs repurposed for habitat restoration along McKenzie River. Tree crews continue to map, mark and cut hazardous trees along roadways and near future debris removal sites. They've marked about 8,000 trees for removal, a slice of the estimated 300,000 total hazardous trees left by the 2020 wildfires. Felled trees and other woody debris are hauled and stacked at various locations, and some are made into wood chips to help mitigate any potential erosion in the area.

The Debris Management Task Force is donating several logs to the McKenzie River Trust for habitat restoration work along the McKenzie River corridor. The nonprofit plans to implant logs in hillsides to reduce erosion, while others will be placed in the river or side streams to improve fish habitat. Restoration work will begin this summer.

Watch a [short video](#) of Joe Moll, executive director of McKenzie River Trust, explaining the restoration work and partnership with the task force.

Visit [wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup](https://wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup) for the latest updates. For more information for property owners, call 503-934-1700.

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