



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.

Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program Accepting Applications

Qualified renters in the state can now submit applications to the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP) for funding to pay rent, back rent, future rent and certain home utility costs. The program works to help renters get the assistance they need to avoid utility shutoff or eviction.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) will distribute \$204 million to qualified renters who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability; this includes survivors of the 2020 wildfires. Funds will be distributed based on a formula that prioritizes applications based on need.

OERAP is not a loan and those who receive assistance will not have to pay back funds, so long as they are used as approved and not duplicating other assistance programs. Assistance is offered to all eligible renters regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, and it will not impact the recipient's eligibility for other federally funded programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, social security, WIC or public housing.

State partners continue to prioritize resources toward our most vulnerable households to help keep Oregonians in their homes during these challenging times. Learn more and determine eligibility at [OERAP.oregon.gov](https://www.oregon.gov/OERAP).

Grant Money Supports Rebuilding and Reconstruction

Wildfire-impacted communities are in the process of issuing permits for rebuilding and reconstruction. To help ease the burden on local governments, the Department of Land Conservation and Development is using grant money to support local planning offices involved in recovery efforts. Grant money totaling \$90,000 has been awarded to Phoenix, Talent, Jackson County, Detroit, Gates and Lincoln County. These funds add staff capacity and expedite permit review processes to help residents and businesses return to fire-impacted communities. This short-term financial assistance must be invested by June 30, 2021. The Oregon Legislature is considering additional resources for longer-term rebuilding efforts. Read the full press release at https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/NN/Press%20Releases/20210526_Wildfire_Recovery_Grants.pdf.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered persons: **1, 069**

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: **300**

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Hazardous trees removed: **39,098**

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Home Sites Cleared: **1,966** (69.4%
of total home sites)

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants:
25,251

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Amount Approved: \$36.8 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Deadline Approaches for Property Cleanup

As crews continue wildfire debris cleanup work, we want to ensure everyone with wildfire-damaged properties has the opportunity to participate in the state-led cleanup program. The Debris Management Task Force and local officials are asking property owners impacted by the 2020 wildfires to submit a Right of Entry (ROE) agreement as soon as possible to participate before work in their area is complete.

The State of Oregon provides no-cost cleanup for all homes and properties in the eight counties affected by the September 2020 wildfires (Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion). Nearly 70% of debris removal is completed on home sites with active ROEs statewide. Property owners must sign an ROE form to allow cleanup crews to work on their property.

Five counties have set ROE deadlines to ensure all remaining work can be completed before crews demobilize from the area. The deadlines and links for signing up are:

- May 31: [Clackamas County](#)
- June 1: [Lane County](#)
- June 7: [Jackson County](#)
- June 15: [Douglas County](#)
- Passed (April 15): Lincoln County

Cleanup crews will remove ash and structural debris, hazard trees, concrete foundations and burned vehicles at no cost to the homeowner. Once completed, the property will be ready for rebuilding. The property owner will receive a letter from the State of Oregon saying that property cleanup is completed.

For more information, visit wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup or call 503-934-1700.

Help is Available for 2020 Wildfire Survivors!



Lines for Life

Lines for Life, a FEMA-funded outreach programs, connects individuals with compassionate assistance and resources such as housing/shelter, 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



Safe + Strong

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

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



INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active Recovery Dashboard](#)

[Oregon Wildfire News](#)

[Emergency Management Websites by County](#)

[Oregon Insurance Commission](#)

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