

Federal Assistance for Maui Survivors Tops \$152 Million

Since wildfires swept over the Island of Maui Aug. 8, more than **\$152.29 million** in federal assistance has been approved for **6,064** households. FEMA is working closely with Maui County, the State of Hawaii and federal and nonprofit partners, with a commitment to helping Maui residents continue their recovery.

Recovery by the Numbers

- FEMA has approved **\$28,349,655** for individuals and households, including:
 - **\$13,624,349** approved for housing assistance; and
 - **\$14,725,305** approved for Other Needs Assistance.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved **\$123,948,600** in disaster loans for affected Maui homeowners, renters and businesses.
- Three Maui County Disaster Recovery Centers are open in Kahului, Lahaina and Makawao. At the centers, survivors can speak to FEMA specialists, get help applying for disaster assistance, connect with voluntary organizations and access other federal and state resources. The centers are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. Some **16,073** survivors have visited the Disaster Recovery Centers since the first center opened Aug. 16.

Key Messages

Disaster Recovery Centers Change Hours/Days Starting Oct. 1

- The three Disaster Recovery Centers on Maui will close on Sundays, **beginning Oct. 1**, and operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/event/disaster-recovery-centers-change-hoursdays-starting-oct-1>.

The American Red Cross Continues to Assist Wildfire Survivors

- The American Red Cross is providing funeral assistance, mental health assistance and other services to survivors, including survivors who are not eligible for some FEMA programs. Disaster survivors are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Red Cross at [RedCross.org/HIhelp](https://www.redcross.org/HIhelp) or speak to a Red Cross representative at any Disaster Recovery Center.

Continued Rental Assistance for Maui Wildfire Survivors

- Residents of Maui who were affected by the Aug. 8 wildfires and received an initial rental assistance from FEMA may be eligible for continued rental assistance. If you need continued rental assistance, complete an Application for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance. To request the form, or to get help completing it, call the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362**. Learn more: <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/continued-rental-assistance-maui-wildfire-survivors>



How to Appeal FEMA's Decision

- An appeal is a written request to FEMA to review your application for disaster assistance. It is also an opportunity to provide new or additional information not previously submitted that may affect FEMA's decision. Submit your appeal to FEMA within 60 days of the date on the determination letter. Call the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362** for more information. Learn more: <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/how-appeal-femas-decision-10>

Showcase Your Skills at FEMA and SBA Job Fairs Sept. 29-30

- Two job fairs will be held today and tomorrow in Kahului and Makawao, where you can apply for a temporary FEMA position or a job with the U.S. Small Business Administration that could last at least a year.
- The dates and locations of the job fairs are:

Friday, Sept. 29	Saturday, Sept. 30
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center 91 Pukalani Street Makawao, HI 96768	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. University of Hawaii Maui College Community Services Building 205 310 West Kaahumanu Avenue Kahului, HI 96732

Visit MauiRecovers.org for Reopening and Recovery Information

- Re-entry permits for Lahaina for residents and business owners to **zones 2C, 2D and 2E** will be issued **today, Sept. 29**, and tomorrow, **Sept. 30**, followed by an escorted re-entry on **Oct. 2** and **Oct. 3** in zones yet to be designated.
- Survivors can **apply for permits** on a zone-by-zone basis at the **Lahaina Civic Center** and at the **Kalana O Maui** county building.
- To identify your zone, visit mauirecovers.org.
- Personal Protective Equipment and water, shade, washing stations and portable toilets are available to all participants on designated re-entry days.
- The Hawaii Dept. of Health provides the following guidance on the risks of re-entry to the impacted areas: [Re-Entry Guidance & Hazard Advisory](#).
- For answers to your Frequently Asked Questions, click: <https://www.mauirecovers.org/recovery/reentry>
- Check the Lahaina Re-entry Map for the most current information: <https://mauicounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/0530ad1257494d00b20093135f843f52>



- Wildfire survivors can visit the Maui County website **Maui Recovers** (mauirecovers.org) for comprehensive information about re-entry to damaged areas, safety alerts and debris removal.
- You can also sign up for text or email updates and get answers to frequently asked questions. Subscribe for the latest updates: <https://www.mauirecovers.org/sign-up>
- Go to <https://www.mauinuistrong.info/getsupport> to find a comprehensive directory of state, county, community and nonprofit sources of assistance.

Get Repair, Rebuilding Advice on Maui

- FEMA has teamed up with the Lahaina Gateway Ace Hardware store to provide free information and tips on how to make homes stronger and safer. FEMA specialists will be available to answer questions and offer home-improvement tips and proven methods to help prevent or reduce damage from disasters.
- FEMA specialists at the **Lahaina Gateway Ace Hardware** will be available from **7 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sept. 29 through Sept. 30, and from Oct. 2 to Saturday, Oct. 7. The hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

You Have Until Oct. 26 to Apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

- Residents who lost their jobs as a direct result of the Maui wildfires and live or work in Maui County now have until **Thursday, Oct. 26**, to apply for **Disaster Unemployment Assistance**. To be considered, applicants must be ineligible for other kinds of unemployment assistance. Apply online at huiclaims.Hawaii.gov/#/

New Process for Helping to Identify Fire Victims

- Maui County has begun an appointment-based system for collecting DNA from family members of the missing. Call **808-270-7771** or send an email to FAC@mauicounty.gov to schedule an appointment.
- Family members living on the mainland or outside the United States should continue to call the FBI at **808-566-4300** or go online to HN-COMMAND-POST@ic.fbi.gov for information on how to contribute DNA

Rental Properties Wanted for Temporary Disaster Housing

- FEMA has approved two direct housing programs for Maui County survivors. For each program, FEMA will work with property management companies that act on behalf of the government and contract with property owners of rental units. The units are offered to survivors for up to 18 months. Maui County, the State of Hawaii, FEMA and the private sector are seeking owners of rental units suitable for families and individuals for either program. For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/rental-properties-wanted-temporary-disaster-housing>.

FEMA Public Assistance: Cost-Share Adjustment Grants More Funds for Hawaii

- President Biden has made additional disaster assistance available to the State of Hawaii by authorizing an increase in federal funding for eligible projects under FEMA's Public Assistance program. The projects must be undertaken as a result of the wildfires beginning on Aug. 8 and continuing.
- Due to the scale and amount of damage caused by the wildfires, federal funds for debris removal in Maui County are authorized at 100% of the total eligible costs for a continuous 180-day period of the state's choosing within the first nine months after Aug. 8.



- Federal funds for emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, are authorized for Maui and Hawaii counties at 100% of the total eligible costs for a continuous 90-day period of the state's choosing.

U.S. Small Business Administration

- SBA representatives continue to be available at federal/state disaster recovery centers and Business Recovery Centers in Maui, Oahu, Kauai and Hawaii to provide information on SBA disaster loans and help each applicant apply to SBA.
- Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information, and download applications at <https://www.sba.gov/hawaii-wildfires>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.
- For people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or have a speech disability, please dial 711 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to **U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.**

Additional State and Voluntary Actions

- **The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement** is connecting survivors to a variety of community support services at its Kāko'o Maui Resource Hub at 70 Ka'ahumanu Avenue in Kahului. **The Resource Hub is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.**

For the latest information on the Maui wildfire recovery efforts, visit mauicounty.gov and fema.gov/disaster/4724. Follow FEMA on social media: [@FEMARegion9](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion9) and facebook.com/fema.

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