# Wildfire Disaster Assistance Resources



## **Disaster and Financial Relief**

Since a wildfire can strike at any moment and spread quickly, several organizations are ready to respond and assist in recovery efforts.

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) | fema.gov

FEMA coordinates federal disaster response and recovery efforts, providing financial assistance for temporary housing, home repairs and other disaster-related expenses.

#### **American Red Cross**

1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) | redcross.org

The American Red Cross provides emergency shelter, food and relief supplies to those affected by wildfires. They also offer health and mental health services to support disaster victims.

The American Red Cross relies on <u>volunteers</u> to support its disaster relief operations. Monetary donations are also accepted.

#### The Salvation Army

1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769) | salvationarmyusa.org

The Salvation Army supports immediate and long-term recovery after major wildfires. Their first responders and emergency assistance volunteers are on the ground before, during and after wildfires.

Ways to provide <u>wildfire relief</u> include making charitable donations, donating basic needs items or becoming a volunteer.

#### **United Way**

211 | 211.org | unitedway.org

United Way provides resources for immediate disaster relief, aids in recovery and supports long-term rebuilding. The three-digit dialing code 211 connects people to hundreds of local agencies that can help with nonemergency family, financial, health and social service issues.

Donations to the United Way's <u>Disaster Relief Fund</u> help people, families and communities impacted by disasters like wildfires.



# **Mental Health Support**

While wildfires cause physical destruction, these events also have emotional impacts on survivors and communities, including strong emotions, trauma and stress.

#### **Disaster Distress Helpline**

1-800-985-5990 (call or text) | samhsa.gov/ddh

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides a 24/7 toll-free, multilingual crisis support service for U.S. residents experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Residents can call or text the phone number.



# **Pet Resources**

Wildfires can displace animals, leaving them in urgent need of help. Pets may also get lost or left behind during such an emergency.

#### American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

#### aspca.org

The ASPCA's National Field Response team provides emergency sheltering, rescue and relocation services for animals affected by wildfires. It also assists with evacuations and offers resources for pet owners to prepare for emergencies.

## **Humane Society of the United States**

#### humanesociety.org

The Emergency Animal Relief Fund helps animals impacted by disasters. The Humane Society also works to reunite pets with their owners and provide care for displaced animals.