

Fire Recovery Guide



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... A NOTE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN KIM SCHRIER ...

Dear Friends,

Washington state has experienced devastating wildfires this season. The fires have destroyed homes and businesses, and displaced hundreds of families.

We are still actively fighting several fires and our recovery in other places is only just beginning. Please know I am committed to working with our local, state and federal officials to ensure that the federal government provides all necessary resources to support our community in this time of recovery. I also stand ready to help expedite any support and resources that our communities need to rebuild and repair our homes, businesses, and infrastructure.

If the Administration makes a major disaster declaration, Washingtonians impacted by recent wildfires may be eligible for Federal assistance through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA). As of September 9th, there is no such declaration for Washington State. Please contact my office or follow me on social media to stay up-to-date on the status of these funds, if and when they become available.

You can reach my Issaquah office at (425) 657-1001 if you have problems with a federal agency and need additional assistance.

Our district pulls together in tough times. We've overcome challenges before by working together, and we will do so again. Should you need anything, my staff and I are here to help.

Sincerely,

KIM SCHRIER, M.D.

Member of Congress

... QUICK GUIDE/RESOURCES ...

Federal assistance is currently available through the **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP)**. FMAGP provides money to states to fight active fires, and covers many eligible costs including equipment and supplies, evacuations and sheltering, state emergency operations centers, and others. More information on this program can be found [here](#).

As of September 9th, the Apple Acres fire in Chelan County, and the Cold Springs/Pearl Hill Fire in Douglas and Okanogan Counties, and the Sumner Grade Fire in Pierce County are being supported by FMAGP funds.

If essential community facilities (fire and police facilities, community centers, hospitals, schools, city vehicles, food banks, daycare centers, and more) have been destroyed, your community may qualify for low-interest loan or grant funding for the construction, renovation, or purchases and installation of equipment for public use under the **USDA Rural Development Community Facilities** program. Loan and grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. You can find general program information [here](#), and specific disaster related funding [here](#).

General information on how to protect your **large animals and livestock** can be found [here](#). Resources and help with pets and other animals can be found with the Washington State Animal Response Team, [here](#).

Douglas County: The NCW Fairgrounds were open for residents to shelter livestock during the evacuations. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office encourages those needing to shelter livestock to call (509) 745-8480.

Chelan County: The Wenatchee Valley Humane Society will shelter any pets from families who have displaced by a Level 3 evacuation. Call 509-662-9577, opt. 1

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner has put together a helpful list of resources for Washingtonians affected by wildfires. You can find it, [here](#). Additionally, you can reach the Insurance Commissioner's Office at (360) 725-7144.

FEMA put together a guide about managing natural disasters, including wildfires, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guide can be found here in [English](#) and [en español](#).

Unemployment assistance: People who are out of work due to the fires may be eligible for unemployment benefits. You can file for unemployment benefits online at <https://esd.wa.gov/>. You can also file by phone by calling 800-318-6022.

Replacing Lost Documents:

If you've lost important documents or identification in the fires, many can be replaced. You can learn more about how to replace these common documents by contacting the agencies directly:

- Washington Driver's License:
 - Phone: 360-902-0172
 - If you or someone you know lost their driver license or ID card, the Dept. of Licensing is offering expedited services for individuals affected by the wildfires. The service is available [online](#), by phone, or in person.
- Green Cards:
 - Phone: 800-375-5283
 - Website: www.uscis.gov
- Medicare Cards:
 - Phone: 800-772-1213; (TTY) 800-325-0778
 - Website: www.ssa.gov/medicare
- Military Records:
 - Phone: 866-272-6272
 - Website: <http://www.archives.gov/contact>
- Passport:
 - 1-877-487-2778; 888-874-7793 (TTY)
 - Website: <http://www.travel.state.gov>
- Social Security Card:
 - Phone: 800-772-1213; (TTY) 800-325-0778
 - Website: <http://www.ssa.gov>
- U.S. Savings Bonds:
 - Phone: 1-844-284-2676
 - Website: <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>
- U.S. Tax Returns:
 - Phone: 800-829-1040
 - Website: <http://www.irs.gov>

Legal Services:

As fire survivors begin the process of recovery and rebuilding, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and their grantees are available to help. LSC is an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans. The Corporation currently provides funding to 132 independent nonprofit legal aid organizations in every state.

Survivors seeking legal assistance can call the legal aid providers with the following information:

Northwest Justice Project (Westside)	Northwest Justice Project (Eastside)	Emergency Management Division
124 4th Ave S, Ste 240	300 Okanogan Avenue, Suite 3A	Building 20, Camp Murray, WA 98430
Kent, WA 98032	Wenatchee, WA 98801	Phone: (253) 512-7000
Phone: (253) 480-6125	Phone: (509) 664-5101	

For assistance please contact any of Congresswoman Schrier's offices, or visit
<https://schrier.house.gov/>

Central Washington Office:

301 Yakima St. Suite 329
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Phone: (509) 850-5340

Issaquah Office:

1445 NW Mall St. Suite 4
Issaquah, WA 98027
Phone: (425) 657-1001

... LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTACTS ...

For local details, such as evacuation information, road closures, or donation opportunities, consult with local sheriff and county emergency management services.

CHELAN COUNTY Department of Emergency Management:

401 Washington St.

Wenatchee, WA 98801

Phone: (509) 667-6851

<https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/sheriff/pages/emergency-management>

KITTITAS COUNTY Sheriff's Office:

307 W Umptanum RD

Ellensburg, WA 98926

Phone: (509) 962-7525

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/sheriff/emergency.aspx>

PIERCE COUNTY Emergency Management:

2501 S. 35th St. Suite D

Tacoma WA 98409

Phone: (253) 798-6595

<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/104/Emergency-Management>

KING COUNTY Emergency Management:

3511 NE Second St.

Renton, WA 98056

Phone: 206-296-3830

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/emergency-management.aspx>