

**CREEK AND SKIRBALL FIRES:
PUBLIC INFORMATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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CREEK FIRE UPDATE

As of 4:00 p.m. today, all evacuation orders and warnings have been lifted except for the Limekiln Canyon which remains closed. The Shadow Hills area north of Sunland Boulevard, Ebey Canyon and Doane Canyon are open to residents only.

SKIRBALL FIRE UPDATE

As of 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, residents in portions of the Skirball Fire Evacuation area will be allowed to return home. Roscomare will be open from Mulholland to Sunset for residents only. You will not be able to drive west from Roscomare into neighborhoods from Mulholland to down to Bellagio. Linda Flora, Moraga and Lower Casiano will remain closed. Bellagio will be open to residents only, however you can only access roads to the South from Bellagio. Bell Terrace and North Casiano Roads will be open to residents. Please bring proof of residency if you are trying to access these areas.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I get the most up-to-date information about the fires?

- Tune into local media channels to get the most up-to-date information about firefighting efforts, evacuation areas, road and school closures.
- You can also visit the City of Los Angeles' website at www.emergency.lacity.org and click on the link to the fire you have questions about.
 - Creek Fire is located in the Sylmar area, and Skirball Fire is in the BelAir area.
 - The website lists shelters locations and has links to maps of evacuation areas, school closures and air quality information.

Q: Which communities are affected by the fires?

- The **Creek Fire** is impacting many communities including: Kagel Canyon, Lakeview Terrace, Lopez Canyon, Olive View, Pacoima, Shadow Hills, Sunland, and Sylmar.
- The **Skirball Fire** is impacting the Bel Air community.

Q: How will I know if I need to evacuate my home?

- Law enforcement officials will come to your home and tell you to evacuate if needed.
- We encourage you to sign up to receive alerts directly both from the Los Angeles Fire Department at www.lafd.org/alerts and from the City of Los Angeles' Notify LA emergency alert system at www.emergency.lacity.org/notifyla

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Q: Are there any maps of the affected areas?

For the latest areas updates from LA Fire, a map of the affected areas can be viewed at bit.ly/FireMap17

REPOPULATION AND MASS CARE/SHELTER QUESTIONS

Q: When will I be let back into my home?

- Information regarding repopulation is available at lafd.org or emergency.lacity.org
- You will be able to re-enter your home as soon as public safety officials determine it is safe for you to do so. Sign up to receive alerts directly both from the Los Angeles Fire Department at www.lafd.org/alerts or follow their twitter feed @LAFD.

Q: Where can I go if my home area is damaged or I live in an evacuated area?

- 4 recreation centers are designated shelters or evacuation centers; these sites are not offering public programs while they serve as shelters.
- Use Table 1 to find your nearest shelter.

Q: Where is my nearest shelter?

- Use Table 1 to find your nearest shelter.

TABLE 1 - EVACUATION SHELTERS							
Facility		Facility Address	Phone Number	Capacity Current/Maximum	- Council District	As of: 12/7 -- 0800	
Branford Center	Recreation	13306 Branford St., Arleta, 91331	818-893-4923	146 / 292	6	Active	
Sylmar Center	Recreation	13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, 91342	818-367-5656	63 / 126	7	Active	
Van Nuys Oaks Recreation Center	Sherman	14201 Huston Street, Sherman Oaks, 91423	818-783-5121	80 / 160	4	Active	
Westwood Center	Recreation	1350 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, 90025	310-473-3610	290 / 580	5	Active	

ANIMALS / LIVESTOCK QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I find or call my lost livestock/pet?

- Use Table 2 to identify the closest animal shelter.

Q: Where can I drop off a lost animal that I found?

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- Use Table 2 (small animals) and Table 3 (large animals) to identify the closest animal shelter.

Q: Where is the nearest animal shelter?

- Use Table 2 (small animals) and Table 3 (large animals) to identify the closest animal shelter.

TABLE 2 - SMALL ANIMAL EVACUATION SHELTERS			
SHELTER Facility	Facility Address	Phone Number	Council District
CREEK FIRE:			
East Valley Animal Shelter	14409 Vanowen St., Sylmar 91405	213-485-8613 213-485-8619	6
West Valley Animal Shelter	20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, 91311	213-485-8405 213-485-8441	12
SKIRBALL FIRE:			
West LA Animal Shelter	11361 W. Pico Blvd., L.A. 90064	213-485-0494 213-485-0496	11

TABLE 3 - LARGE ANIMAL EVACUATION SHELTERS						
Facility	Facility Address	Phone Number	Capacity Current/Maximum	Council District	As of: 12/7 -- 0800	
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds	2551 West Ave. H, Lancaster,	661-948-6060	18 / 168	LA County		Active
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center	1127 Orcas Ave., Sylmar, 91342	818-896-6514	252 / 375	7		Active
LA Equestrian Center (animals)	480 Riverside Dr., Burbank 91506	818-840-9063	Approx 500 / 330	4		At capacity
Pierce College (animals)	6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills 91367	818-991-0071	150 / 200	3		At capacity

Q: I have a deceased animal. What should I do?

- If you have a deceased animal or livestock, we recommend you wait until the fires have subsided since sanitation trucks are not able to get in the area. Dial 800-773-2489 to report deceased animal pick-up.

SCHOOL CLOSURES / CHILDREN INDOOR-OUTDOOR

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Recreation and Parks indoor access is available for children.

- 26 recreation centers in the valley are open to the public from 9:30 am to 6 pm today (12/7) and tomorrow (12/8).
 - Visitors can participate in indoor activities (e.g. board games) at these recreation centers.

Department of Recreation and Parks Valley Recreation Centers - December 7-8, 2017		
EAST VALLEY DISTRICT – SUPERVISOR, – (818) 756-8185		
Fernangeles RC	8851 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Sun Valley 91352	(818) 767-4171
North Hollywood RC	11430 Chandler Blvd., North Hollywood 91601	(818) 763-7651
North Weddington RC	10844 Acama St., North Hollywood 91602	(818) 506-1467
Sun Valley RC	8133 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley 91352	(818) 767-6151
Valley Plaza RC	12240 Archwood St., North Hollywood 91605	(818) 765-5885
Victory –Vineland RC	11117 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood 91606	(818) 985-9516
WEST VALLEY DISTRICT – SUPERVISOR, STEVE CLINE - (818) 756—8188		
Chatsworth RC	22360 Devonshire St., Chatsworth 91311	(818) 341-6595
Encino Comm. Ctr.	4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino 91316	(818) 995-1690
Granada Hills RC	16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills 91344	(818) 363-3556
Lanark RC	21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park 91304	(818) 883-1503
Mason RC	10500 Mason Ave., Chatsworth 91311	(818) 998-6377
Northridge RC	18300 Lemarsh St., Northridge 91324	(818) 349-7341
Reseda RC	18411 Victory Blvd., Reseda 91335	(818) 881-3882
Shadow Ranch RC	22633 Vanowen St., West Hills 91307	(818) 883-3637
Tarzana RC	5655 Vanalden Ave., Tarzana 91356	(818) 343-5946
Winnetka RC	8401 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka 91306	(818) 756-7876
Woodland Hills RC	5858 Shoup Ave., Woodland Hills 91367	(818) 883-9370
MID VALLEY DISTRICT– SUPERVISOR, BOB WHITE - (818) 756-8189		
Cardenas RC	14740 Blythe St., Panorama City 91402	(818) 781-3952
David M. Gonzales RC	10943 Herrick Ave., Pacoima 91331	(818) 899-1950
Lake View Terrace RC	11075 Foothill Blvd, LakeView Terrace 91342	(818) 899-8087
Panorama RC	8600 Hazeltine Ave., Panorama City 91402	(818) 893-3401
Ritchie Valens RC	10736 Laurel Cyn. Blvd., Pacoima 91331	(818) 834-5172
Sepulveda RC	8801 Kester Ave., Panorama City 91405	(818) 893-3700
Studio City RC	12621 Rye St., Studio City 91604	(818) 769-4415
Sunland RC	8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland 91040	(818) 352-5282
Van Nuys RC	14301 Vanowen St., Van Nuys 91405	(818) 756-8131

City Libraries

- City Libraries are ready for any LAUSD students that are out of school today during business hours. 26 City Recreation Centers in the Valley (all but the centers acting as shelters) are open from 9:30-6 pm today and tomorrow with indoor activities for your family.

HEALTH / AIR QUALITY QUESTIONS

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Q: Should I keep my children home because of air quality?

- If outdoor air is bad, we recommend you use your best judgment.

Q: How can I find information about air quality in my community?

- Visit the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Health's website for the most up-to-date information on air quality at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=1778>
- According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, smoke from Creek Fire has caused poor air quality that affects all individuals in the areas of direct smoke impacts and unhealthy air quality will likely include portions of:
 - East San Fernando Valley
 - West San Fernando Valley
 - Northwest Los Angeles County Coastal

and surrounding areas. The Los Angeles County urges all individuals in these areas, or areas where there is visible smoke or the odor of smoke, to avoid unnecessary outdoor exposure and to limit physical exertion (whether indoor or outdoor), such as exercise.

Should I wear a mask because of the smoke and ashes?

- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health does not recommend routine, extended use of masks for most residents in smoke-impacted areas. If you see or smell smoke, it is advisable to move indoors or to leave the area.
- Most masks available for purchase by members of the public (e.g., from hardware stores) are insufficient at preventing the inhalation of gases and small particles found in smoke.
- The use of masks that are ineffective may put an individual at higher risk for exposure when worn outdoors, because their use may create a false belief that you can remain outside in smoke-impacted areas. In addition, moisture tends to build up inside masks over time, which supports the growth of microbes.
- N95 masks may be beneficial for small-scale cleanups of ash or soot on your property after the fires have been extinguished; these masks must be properly fitted.

CITY SERVICES QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I report a downed tree?

- Call 3-1-1 for Street Services or through the City's 3-1-1 phone application

Q: Where can I report a downed wire?

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- 800-DIAL-DWP (800-342-5397)

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS QUESTIONS

Q: How do I donate goods or support wildfire recovery or those affected by the fire?

- We are not accepting **individual** donations for goods or materials at this time, but are in need of monetary donations. We encourage **individuals** to donate to the
 - LAFD Fire Foundation www.supportlafd.org/donate or dial 310-552-4139OR
 - American Red Cross by dialing 1-800-733-2767
- For **corporate donations**, contact the City of Los Angeles' Emergency Management Department at emdcommunications@lacity.org

Q: Where can I make a cash donation?

- We encourage **individuals** to donate to the
 - LAFD Fire Foundation www.supportlafd.org/donateOR
 - American Red Cross by dialing 1-800-733-2767
- Corporate donations and businesses should contact City of Los Angeles' Emergency Management Joint Information Center at emdcommunications@lacity.org

Q: Do you need volunteers?

- At this time, we do not have a call for volunteers.

RED CROSS INFORMATION AND SERVICES

- The Red Cross will distribute free masks, cleaning supplies, snacks and bottles of water on 12/9 and 12/10 in the Sylmar/Creek Fire area.
- *Look for a @RedCross truck in the morning for these items.*

STREET PARKING

The City of Los Angeles has lifted the Red Flag No Parking Restrictions in the brush areas of the City. Normal parking will resume after 12/08/2017, 8:00 AM.

SOCIAL MEDIA SOURCES

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Platform	Handle	
Emergency Management		
Facebook	Ready LA	
Twitter	@ReadyLA	
LA Fire Department		
Facebook	Los Angeles FD	
Twitter	@LAFD	
American Red Cross		800-675-5799
Facebook	American Red Cross	
Twitter	@RedCross	