

FIRE RESOURCES/LINKS -
From the Feb 6 NOMA Mtg on Fire and Emergency Preparedness

Information/Fire Updates – General websites/apps:

- Cal Fire <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents>
- Watch Duty <https://app.watchduty.org> and <https://app.watchduty.org/i/40335>
- Santa Monica Alerts – sign up at:
<https://www.santamonica.gov/process-explainers/how-to-sign-up-for-sm-alerts>
- LADWP <https://www.ladwpnews.com>

Emergency Preparedness – What Individuals Can Do

- Emergency Preparedness – Get a kit, make a plan, be informed. See <https://www.santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/emergency-preparedness>
- Here are some suggestions on a kit from FEMA: <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20250121/how-build-kit-emergencies>
- Ready, set, go -Wildfire preparedness in Santa Monica – see <https://www.santamonica.gov/how-to-prepare-for-wildfires-in-santa-monica>

Create a “Community Connect” Profile with the SM Fire Dept.

Create a **life safety profile** on Community Connect. See <https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2025/01/28/clean-safe-santa-monica-launches-community-connect-to-enhance-fire-and-emergency-medical-response> Community Connect is a vital piece of technology providing first responders with critical information regarding your residence or business. This information, which the homeowner or business owner inputs, allows first responders to make strategic and tactical decisions should the need arise to respond in an emergency. Having information such as floor plans, pets, number of occupants, or specific medical needs will help responders.

See <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/ca-santamonica>

Make an inventory of what is in your home:

National Association of Insurance Commissioners home inventory app:
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/naic-home-inventory/id1562207329>

Scan your photos and important documents as a digital backup in case of emergency.

Prepare Your Home/Property for Fire Resiliency

California Wildfire Mitigation Program:
<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/recovery-directorate/hazard-mitigation/california-wildfire-mitigation-program/>

Prepare your property <https://readyforwildfire.org>

Hardening your home/retrofitting your home <https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/hardening-your-home/>

Create defensible space <https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/defensible-space/>
CALFIRE: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace>

Another link about home hardening and defensible space: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/3ec91c0ac80a4bc9ab97410557902e65>

Evacuation Cost Reimbursements

Assistance to Individuals

People who have been evacuated may be eligible for FEMA assistance if they had costs related to evacuation. **You have until March 10th to apply for FEMA disaster assistance** for things like hotel stays or water purchase/services at disasterassistance.gov/ or by calling 1-800-621-3362

**This assistance is also available to those impacted by the Do Not Drink order.

Assistance to Businesses

Businesses can also apply for economic injury loans or disaster assistance through the U.S. Small Business Administration by calling 1-800-659-2955 or at www.SBA.gov/disaster

Palisades Fire Business & Other Recovery Information – see <https://www.santamonica.gov/business-resources-for-palisades-fire>

There is some County assistance for small businesses and nonprofits through the **Small Business Relief Fund**. It provides direct cash assistance grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$25,000 for businesses and nonprofits that experienced structural damage, equipment/inventory loss, or revenue loss. - see <https://opportunity.lacounty.gov/small-business-fund/>

In addition to county assistance, the **We Are Santa Monica Fund** might support small non-profit businesses with grants just like during the pandemic. Go to <https://www.santamonica.gov/programs/we-are-santa-monica>

Public Health Issues

Santa Monica does not have its own dept of health and relies on the LA County Department of Public Health. Watch their recent town hall “Public Health Virtual Town Hall on Air Quality, Soil, Water, and Safe Clean After Wildfires”. Now on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ONCe3WdHd8s?si=r2K5dNXqMn5ppms4>

Air Safety

AirNow <https://www.airnow.gov>

It also has wildfire maps. And it's also an App called EPA AIRNow showing daily local PM 2.5 fine particles, ozone, No2, PM10, and CO levels.

AirVisual is another app.

Water Quality/Safety

Water testing kits are at Home Depot at

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/LABTECH-H2O-OK-Plus-Complete-Water-Analysis-Test-Kit-LT5015-6/205540501>

You can send your water in for testing but it can take 10 days to get results

We used <https://mytapscore.com/>

Places to shower for those living North of San Vicente with LADWP contaminated water:

Gyms like the Y. The Fairmont Hotel has offered affected residents the use of their shower facilities. Send your name, address, and phone to NOMABoard@gmail.com to be connected to the hotel's offer.

New Center for Assistance:

Location: Parking Lot 3 North at 1150 Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica – it will be handled by the American Red Cross in partnership with the City of Santa Monica. Resident and contractor access passes are available there.

The Main Disaster Assistance Center (there is also one in Altadena):

UCLA Research Park West Disaster Recovery Center
10850 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064

Join Your Neighborhood Association!

For North of Montana residents, please join NOMA at www.smnoma.org Your annual support and involvement is important, and NOMA provides information about issues that directly impact residents.

For residents in other areas, find and join your neighborhood association at <https://www.santamonica.gov/neighborhood-organizations> Thanks!