

# Post-Fire Action Plan

If you have lost your home in the recent LA fire, we understand this is an incredibly challenging time. This action plan is designed to help you navigate the steps you need to take in the aftermath of the fire. Please use this guide to ensure you cover all necessary actions and access the support available to you.

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### **PO BOX**

Get a PO box and begin forwarding your mail.

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### **Notify your insurance company**

- Trigger loss of use coverage and get a copy of your policy.
  - Be aware of the replacement vs. depreciated value and coverage limitations.
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### **Long-term rental search**

- Include insurance on the rental so they pay directly.
  - Find a place that you like, don't settle. Insurance should cover a "like property."
  - You might be living there for two years, so choose wisely.
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### **Start working on the personal property list**

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### **Save receipts**

Loss of use insurance will cover incidentals like hairbrushes, phone chargers, etc.

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### **Inform store owners of your situation**

Many stores will offer discounts as their way of helping you.

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### **Register at shelters and with aid agencies**

- Register with the Red Cross, and other agencies.
  - Aid organizations use these lists to ensure you receive assistance.
  - This is especially important if FEMA is activated.
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## 8 **Apply for assistance with FEMA**

Individuals and business owners in LA County who sustained losses can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling 1.800.621.3362 or by using the [FEMA App](#).

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## 9 **Call all utilities to freeze or cancel service**

Electric, gas, TV, landline phone, subscriptions, and newspaper delivery are a few that you may want to cancel (or update to a PO Box if applicable).

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## 10 **Contact other insurance providers as needed**

Car insurance, specialty insurance for unique items, etc.

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## 11 **Next steps**

- Secure your property to prevent further damage (e.g., board windows, cover roof with a tarp).
  - Turn off the water and remove wet items to prevent mold.
  - Obtain necessary permits for debris removal and erosion control.
  - Consider getting a temporary power pole/trailer on-site permit to aid the rebuilding process.
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## 12 **Taxes**

- You can claim the monetary loss of your items minus what you receive from insurance.
  - Check the laws and talk to a tax professional, but you may be able to carry losses back 2-5 years and receive a tax refund.
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## 13 **Accept help**

Let people assist you during this difficult time.

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