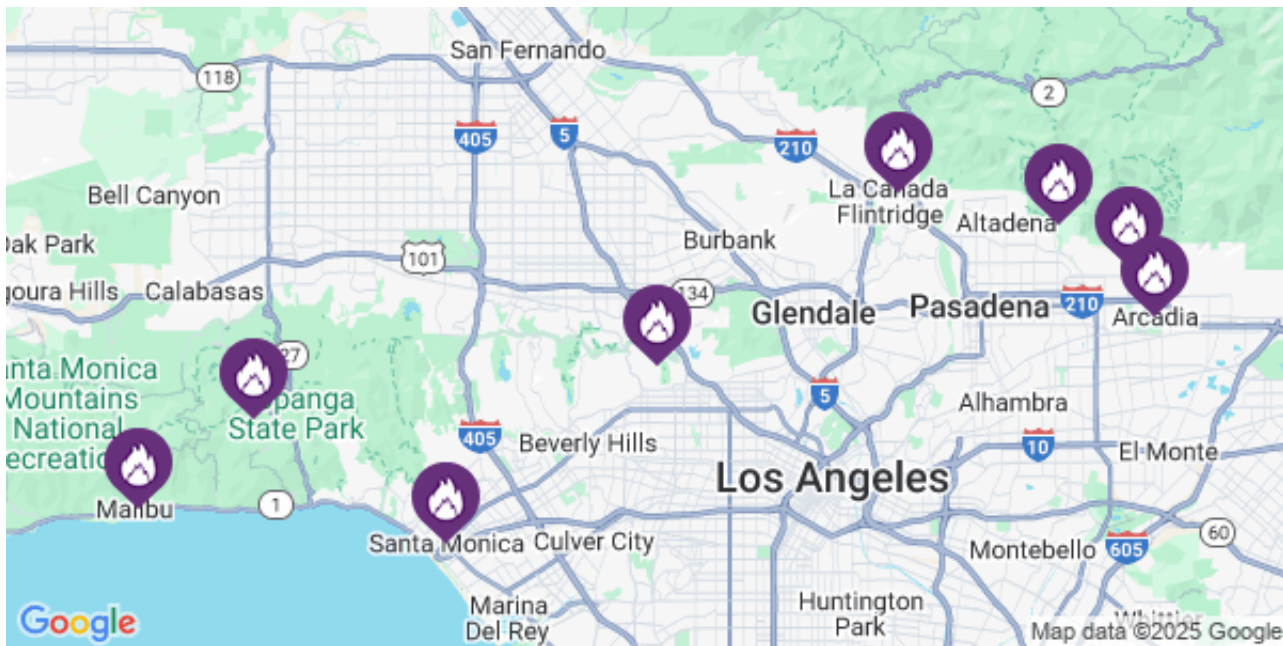




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USA Tactical (UPDATE): Evacuations, curfews, road closures, service disruptions ongoing as multiple fires continue to burn citywide in Los Angeles, CA, as of overnight hours (local time) on January 8-9; remain cognizant of authorities' updates

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Current Situation

- According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE), the [Palisades Fire](#) in the Pacific Palisades area, the [Eaton Fire](#) in the Pasadena area, the [Hurst Fire](#) in the San Fernando area, and the [Sunset Fire](#) in the Hollywood Hills area, continue to burn over an accumulated 27,332 acres in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area with zero percent containment, as of overnight hours (local time) on January 8-9.
- Firefighting operations have faced setbacks after dry, hurricane-force winds sustained and strengthened the fires in the area on January 8.
- According to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ([LASD](#)), the Palisades Fire's northward progress has been stopped at a ridge line near Piuma and Saddle Peak, amid winds reportedly slowing down.
- Further, credible reports indicate a separate fire burning near Nichols Canyon Road in the

Hollywood Hills area.

- Reports citing chatter on the Los Angeles City Fire radio scanner indicate that they do not have enough resources to contain fires burning in the Hollywood Hills area. Meanwhile, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers are being deployed to alleviate evacuation traffic in Hollywood, according to [Mayor Karen Bass](#).
- Meanwhile, the Woodley Fire in the Van Nuys area of Los Angeles has been 100 percent contained, per CALFIRE, as of night hours. Authorities continue to remain engaged in combatting the Lidia Fire in the Ravenna area of Los Angeles County, with CALFIRE reporting containment at 40 percent, as of writing.

Weather forecast

- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a red-flag warning through at least 18:00 on January 10, across parts of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. High offshore winds, with widespread gusts of up to 35-55 mph (56.3-88.5 kmph), locally higher in hilly areas, alongside extremely low humidity is forecast to sustain critical fires.
- NWS has also issued an Air Quality Alert due to increased fine particle pollution from wildfire smoke until midnight hours of January 8 in Santa Monica Mountains, the Los Angeles County Valleys including Calabasas and Agoura Hills, and the Los Angeles County coastal areas.

Evacuation Orders

- Mandatory evacuation orders continue to remain enforced for multiple locations in the **Pacific Palisades** and **Topanga**. Details can be found [here](#).
- A mandatory evacuation area was expanded in **Altadena** to include areas between Lake Avenue and Altadena Drive and, north of Woodbury Road between Windsor Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue.
- In **Arcadia**, mandatory evacuations were ordered between Foothill Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue, and between Orange Grove Avenue and Santa Anita Avenue.
- A mandatory evacuation zone was established for the **Hollywood Hills** area, from Laurel Canyon Boulevard on the west to Mulholland Drive on the north, to 101 Freeway on the east, and down to Hollywood Boulevard on the south. According to credible reports, multiple homeowners in the Hollywood Hills area are refusing to evacuate their residences due to the suspected presence of looters in the area. LAPD has detained at least one individual suspected of looting in the area, as

of writing.

- An evacuation order has been issued for southern and eastern parts of **La Canada Flintridge**.
- In **Malibu**, authorities have issued evacuation orders and warnings for eastern areas. Further details can be found [here](#).
- **Santa Monica** authorities have declared a local State of Emergency and curfew for residents from sunset to sunrise in areas in mandatory evacuation zones, currently in effect until January 15. Exemptions are in place for emergency workers, those traveling to work or medical appointments, and media representatives, with violations resulting in misdemeanor charges or fines of up to 1,000 USD per incident. Authorities have also issued mandatory evacuation orders for north of Montana Avenue between 11th St. and Pacific Coast Highway. An interactive map for ongoing evacuation orders and warnings can be found [here](#).
- In [Sierra Madre](#), mandatory evacuations were ordered north of Sierra Madre Boulevard.
- Details regarding all evacuation orders and shelters across Los Angeles can be found [here](#).

Road closures

- The following roads have reportedly been closed off to assist in evacuations and firefighting operations:
 - Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) South, at Malibu Canyon Road.
 - PCH North, at the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica.
 - PCH, between Yerba Buena Road and State Route 23.
 - Topanga Canyon Boulevard, between PCH and Mulholland Drive.
 - 10 Freeway West, at Lincoln Boulevard and PCH.
 - Cold Canyon Road, between Piuma Road to Mulholland Highway.
 - Malibu Canyon Road, between Piuma Road to PCH.
 - Piuma Road, between Malibu Canyon Road to Rambla Pacifico Street.
 - Rambla Pacifico Street, between Piuma Road to PCH.
 - Saddle Peak Road, between Stunt Road to Tuna Canyon Road.

- Schueren Road, between Saddle Peak Road to Piuma Road.
- Stunt Road, between Mulholland Highway to Schueren Road.
- Tuna Canyon Road, between Saddle Peak Road to PCH.
- Old Topanga Canyon Road, between Topanga Canyon Boulevard to Mulholland Highway.
- Mulholland Highway, between Lower Brewster Road to Seminole Drive.
- Angeles Crest Highway, between 210 Freeway to Upper Big Tujunga Road.
- 210 Freeway, at Arroyo Boulevard.
- Altadena Drive, between Washington Boulevard to Crestfold Drive.
- Casitas Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Ventura Street.
- El Molino Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Fontanet Way.
- Fair Oaks Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Loma Alta Drive.
- Lake Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Loma Alta Drive.
- Marengo Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Loma Alta Drive.
- Glenrose Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Loma Alta Drive.
- Santa Anita Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Concha Street.
- Santa Rosa Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Athens Street.
- Windsor Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Ventura Street.
- Lincoln Avenue, between Woodbury Road to Loma Alta Drive.
- Updates, maintained by Los Angeles County Public Works, regarding road and highway closures can be found [here](#).

Service disruptions

- According to the [City of Pasadena](#), debris and elevated turbidity from the Eaton Fire has suspectedly impacted the local drinking water system in evacuated areas. Pasadena residents have consequently been warned against consuming tap water in impacted areas until further notice.
- Similarly, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ([LADWP](#)) has advised residents in the Pacific Palisades area to boil water prior to consumption due to heavy ash, debris and pressure fluctuations in the area's supply lines.
- Further, reports indicate that at least 217,214 residents in Los Angeles County and 64,746 residents in Ventura County are facing power outages due to inclement weather conditions. Details regarding LADWP power outages can be found [here](#).
- According to the Los Angeles Unified School District ([LAUSD](#)), all school districts under its administration will remain closed on January 9. A decision for keeping schools closed on January 10 will be announced at 16:00 on January 9.
- Separately, the Los Angeles County Court's Hollywood Courthouse, located at 5925 Hollywood Boulevard, will reportedly remain closed for all activities on January 9, given it falls within the mandatory evacuation zone in the area affected by the Sunset Fire.
- No significant disruptions to flights operating to or from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) have been reported, as of writing.

Damage

- According to reports, over 100,000 residents across Los Angeles have been ordered to evacuate.
- Over 2,000 structures, including residences, have been damaged or destroyed, while at least five deaths have been attributed to wildfires, as of writing.
- January 8 reports estimate damages and economic losses of between 52-57 billion USD, at the preliminary level.

Source: [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection \(CALFIRE\)](#)

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Los Angeles County, CA as of the overnight hours on January 8-9 and over the coming days are advised to avoid all travel near the aforementioned areas under evacuation orders and remain aware of authorities' updates regarding the ongoing wildfire.
2. In case of a wildfire in your area, prepare for evacuation, it should be ordered. If evacuation is ordered, do so immediately. Return only when authorities instruct that it is safe to do so.
3. Do not attempt to drive through affected areas or outrun the fire; adhere to authorities' directives.
4. Create a procedure and plan for employee behavior in case of a wildfire, then instruct and test employees on these procedures. Inform employees of local emergency and evacuation plans.
5. If possible, confirm that places of stay have working generators in case of power outages while packing sufficient batteries and flashlights.
6. Charge essential electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops, and tablet computers ahead of the planned power outage, and initiate energy-saving functions on these devices as needed.