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After a fire or other disaster, find help and resources at your public library

SACRAMENTO, CA – As Californians around the state begin to recover from the rash of recent wildfires, the California State Library urges people to seek free resources and assistance at their local library.

People affected by the wildfires can use the library's computers to file an insurance claim or connect to FEMA and other programs providing assistance or to contact family, friends and co-workers. You can access your email and social media accounts at the library, as well as keep up with latest news reports. Recharge your electronic devices while you're there, too.

Libraries are information hubs for their communities and staff are always ready to help people find information and disaster-recovery resources such as temporary housing, food banks, or health and safety news.

After a disaster, libraries can be a central gathering place for people to reconnect with others in their community. Whether you are seeking information or just need a safe, comfortable place to spend some time, remember that your local library is there to help. The library is a trusted community space where all are welcome.

About the California State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library administers federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, literacy, and broadband connectivity in public libraries. Please visit: www.library.ca.gov .

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