

A photograph showing two hands, one in a pink sweater and one in a light blue sweater, holding a white paper cutout of a house. The sun is shining through the window of the house, creating a bright glow. The background is a soft, hazy sunset over a field.

Resources for Eaton Fire Survivors





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I. Vital Documents Replacement Resources


Document Types	Phone Numbers and Online Resources	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificates • Death Records • Marriage Records • Real Estate/Property Records 	<div data-bbox="611 350 1283 456" style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px;">  <p>Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk</p> </div> <p>Contact the LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Office. Free Vital Records for those impacted by the Los Angeles Fires.</p> <p>Resources and Applications are also available on the California Department of Public Health - Vital Records website</p> <div data-bbox="753 743 1075 889" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>To access the a specific application, click on the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to Obtain Certified Copy of Birth Record • Application to Obtain Certified Copies of Death Certificates • Application to Obtain Certified Copies of Marriage Certificates • Property, Business, and Vital Records for L.A. County Fire Victims FAQ 	<p>What Information Is Required To Request Records?</p> <p><u>Vital records:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name(s) on the birth, marriage, or death certificate, date of the event, and relationship to the registrant. An affidavit will be provided to requesters. Affidavits must be signed, notarized, and returned to the RR/CC by mail. <p>To apply via email, an application and combined notarized sworn statement must be submitted to complete the request</p> <p>Please email the following to SOEVitalRecords@cdph.ca.gov.</p> <p><u>Real estate/property records:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the grantor/grantee and approximate recording date. Real property affidavits do not require notarization. The RR/CC cannot conduct real estate/property records (searches by address are not available).

		<p>Residents needing copies of their property records should call (800) 201-8999, option 3, or email RRCCFireAssistance@rrcc.lacounty.gov.</p> <p><u>Business filing/registration records:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of owner and the business. Requesters will be provided an affidavit form. Affidavit forms must be signed and returned to RR/CC. Business Filing/Registration records do not need to be notarized. <p>Anyone needing a vital record can call: (888) 985-9913 to speak to a representative from VitalChek, the County’s certified vendor of vital records.</p> <p><u>Call Center Hours and Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM• Weekends and holidays from 8 AM to 5 PM
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II. Replacement for Driver's Licenses, ID Cards, Vehicle Records

Document Types	Phone Numbers and Online Resources	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's Licenses • ID Cards • Vehicle Records, and More 	<div data-bbox="764 334 1129 469" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="604 513 1247 581">The CA DMV has dedicated in-person staff to help victims specifically impacted by wildfires.</p> <p data-bbox="604 631 1289 699">Fees are waived for Driver's Licenses or ID Cards lost in the fires.</p> <p data-bbox="604 750 1262 854">The DMV can issue a temporary Driver's License and/or ID card. Permanent cards will be mailed and can take three to four weeks.</p> <p data-bbox="604 904 1220 972">Click here for Driver's License or ID Card Online Replacement.</p> <p data-bbox="604 1023 1209 1091">Click here to access No Fee Replacement Title Application.</p> <p data-bbox="604 1141 1268 1243">You can also call 1-800-777-0133 (or TTY 1-800-735-2929 or 1-800-368-4327 for hearing or speech impaired).</p>	<p data-bbox="1310 302 1955 406">RECOMMENDED: Visit Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Locator to find mobile offices to start document replacement at no cost.</p>



III. Lost or Damaged Passports

Document Types	Phone Numbers and Online Resources	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passports 	 <p>If your passport was lost or damaged as a result of an eligible major disaster, federal law waives passport application and file-search fees for a certain amount of time. To recover your passport, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Form DS-5504, Replacement Passport Form Get a new passport photo Complete Form DS-64 (Lost or Stolen Passport Form). Make sure to include the name of the disaster that caused the loss, the address where you lost your passport, and the approximate date when the loss happened. 	<p>RECOMMENDED: If you are traveling in less than three weeks, make an appointment immediately to apply at a passport agency or center.</p>

IV. Replacement for Federal Tax Returns and Records

Document Types	Phone Numbers and Online Resources	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Tax Returns and Records • W-2s • 1099s 	<p>If you are a victim of a federally declared disaster or California state disaster, requesting your tax returns is free of charge. You can request access to your records in two ways:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><u>How to get copies of federal tax records:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can get free return transcripts immediately by using the Get Transcript tool on IRS.gov. • You can also request transcripts by phone, or by calling 800-908-9946. • To get a copy of your tax returns via mail, you must file Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return. 	<p>IMPORTANT UPDATE: The state and the IRS are extending deadlines to October 15, 2024.</p>

V. Replacement for CA State Tax Returns and Records

Document Types	Phone Numbers and Online Resources	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Tax Returns and Records 	<p>Copies of your California state tax return can be requested via mail to the California Franchise Tax Board, or online.</p>   <p>How to get copies of California state tax returns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can request a free copy of your California tax return immediately by visiting MyFTB online. You can also request a copy by submitting a Request for Copy of Tax Return (Form FTB 3516) or a written request. There is generally a \$20 fee for each tax return you request unless you are a victim of a designated California state disaster or federal disaster 	<p>For more information, click here: California provides tax relief for those affected by Los Angeles wildfires</p>

VI. How to Request Casualty Loss Deductions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casualty Loss Deductions 	<p>Personal casualty losses are losses from casualty, disaster, and theft that are not connected to a trade or business, or a transaction entered into for profit. Generally, if the loss is caused by a federally declared disaster, you may deduct personal casualty losses relating to your home, household items, and vehicles on your federal income tax return.</p> <p>Once you have your tax records, taxpayers in a federally declared disaster area can claim a casualty loss deduction on their federal income tax return.</p> <p>This can help you deduct certain personal-use property losses or business losses that aren't included in your insurance. This can be claimed by filing the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File a Schedule A, Form 1040, or an amended return using Form 1040-X. You must include Form 4684 to report your losses from the natural disaster. In the case of a federally declared disaster, you can deduct losses on the return for the tax year preceding the year in which the disaster occurred. 	<p>For more information on which forms may be applicable to your situation, visit the "How to Report Gains and Losses" page the IRS website.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: Consult with a tax advisor and/or specialist.</p>



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