

LA County Recovers: A Year in Review



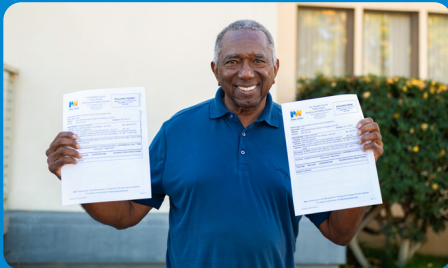
A Countywide Effort to Rebuild, Together

In the year since the January 2025 Eaton and Palisades fires burned nearly 40,000 acres and destroyed thousands of structures, LA County Recovers has led an unprecedented, coordinated effort to help residents of unincorporated LA County rebuild and recover. The program brings together County departments, state agencies and federal partners to streamline recovery and make support easier to access. The mission of LA County Recovers is to accelerate every stage of recovery and lower barriers for those rebuilding their lives.

Helping Residents Rebuild

LA County Recovers has worked to make the rebuilding process faster, easier and more transparent. Through the **Unified Permit**, property owners now submit one application for all necessary County departments, saving valuable time.

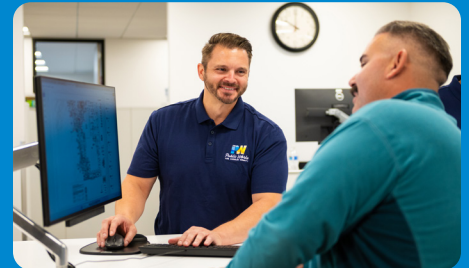
At the **One-Stop Permit Centers** in Altadena and Calabasas, residents can meet directly with County staff to discuss rebuilding plans, obtain permits or get technical support.



Over
1,100
Rebuild Permits Issued



Rebuilders in LA County can
now receive a permit
3X FASTER
than before the fires through
expedited permitting processes



14,000+
residents visited One-Stop Permit
Centers throughout the year

Clearing the Path to Recovery

Within weeks of the fires, LA County mobilized to launch the **fastest major debris cleanup of this scale in American history**, in partnership with city, state and federal officials.



More than
2.5 million
TONS OF DEBRIS

removed from more than
9,000
properties throughout LA County

Debris cleanup was completed in under 7 months, 6 months faster than originally predicted.

Reducing Financial Barriers

Financial support was a key priority during the first year of recovery. The Board of Supervisors approved permit fee deferrals and refunds for eligible homeowners, saving residents tens of thousands of dollars.



\$51 million
IN FINANCIAL RELIEF

has been distributed to homeowners,
renters, small businesses and nonprofits



\$10+ million
IN SAVINGS

for residents through deferred
and refunded fees

Smarter Solutions for a Stronger Recovery

LA County Recovers launched a suite of innovative pilot programs, exemptions and other tools designed to help residents build safer and more resilient homes. These tools include:



Pre-Approved Plans that speed up design
and permitting while lowering costs.



Resilient Rebuilding Resource Guide offering
best practices for fire-resistant construction.



Self-Certification allowing licensed
professionals to certify plans and
accelerate approvals.



AI-Assisted eCheck plan screening
tool for faster home approvals.



Looking Ahead

As reconstruction continues throughout 2026, LA County Recovers will build on the progress made during the first year of recovery by expanding support for homeowners, strengthening permitting and rebuilding tools and advancing long-term solutions across impacted communities.