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## **211 LA County Disaster Hotline Now Activated for Individuals Impacted by Creek, Rye and Skirball Fires in Los Angeles**

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The County and City of Los Angeles jointly announce the activation of the 211 LA County Disaster Hotline for individuals to report damages caused by the recent Creek, Rye and Skirball Fires in Los Angeles. Home owners, renters and business owners may call the disaster hotline to report damages.

"We've started our Recovery efforts in the Los Angeles County Operational Area" stated Jeff Reeb, Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. "We ask anyone who suffered property damage because of the recent fires in Los Angeles County to dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211la.org](http://www.211la.org) to report their damages. This will allow the County to determine if we have enough damage to seek a Federal Small Business Administration Declaration, which will offer low interest loans for eligible residents."

"The City of Los Angeles is committed to supporting residents through the recovery process, and that process begins with reporting fire damages through 211 LA County," said Aram Sahakian, General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. "These reports help us determine the extent of the impact on our residents and businesses and what is needed to help them recover."

As of December 5, 2017, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Chair Sheila Kuehl proclaimed a local of emergency for the cities and unincorporated areas in the County. A County and city-operated Local Assistance Center will also be offered to provide recovery services and support to individuals impacted by any of the recent fires in Los Angeles as of December 12, 2017.

As a reminder, Los Angeles County residents, renters, and business owners, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may also call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day, and seven days a week, and is able to provide services in 240 languages. Callers who are dialing in from outside Los Angeles County may dial (800) 339-6993. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing may dial (800) 660-4026.

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