

Wildfire Community Resources

Shelters, Safety & Support · Spokane Wildfire Resource

A one-stop reference for anyone affected by the 2026 Spokane-area wildfires — emergency shelters, pet resources, real-time evacuation alerts, disaster assistance, and crisis support, all in one place.

Emergency Shelters (Human)

- Spokane Convention Center (American Red Cross) — 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane. Open 24 hours. Free garage parking. Pets welcome. This is the primary shelter for North Spokane evacuees.
- Northwood Middle School — Evacuation center for those displaced by the Fairview Fire (Mead area).
- Stevens County (Red Cross) — Jenkins High School (Chewelah) and Kettle Falls Middle School, for south Stevens County evacuees.
- YMCA of the Inland Northwest — North, South, Valley, and Central Spokane branches open to evacuees for showers and temporary respite, Monday–Friday 8am–5pm. Photo ID required. ymcainw.org

Animals, Pets & Livestock

- Spokane County Fair & Expo Center — 404 N. Havana St. Open 24 hours. Livestock accepted. RV spaces and trailer parking available. Run with Spokane HEART (Humane Evacuation Animal Rescue Team). heartofspokane.org
- SpokAnimal — 710 N. Napa St. Taking rescued pets at no cost during the emergency. Also assisting evacuees with pets at the Convention Center and Fairgrounds.
- SCRAPS (Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service) — 6815 E. Trent Ave. Handles lost-and-found animals. Bring animals without identified owners to the fairgrounds.
- Missing a pet? Check SpokAnimal, SCRAPS, local vet clinics, and neighborhood groups on Nextdoor or Facebook.



Real-Time Evacuation Status, Maps & Alerts

- Evacuation zone lookup (SREC) — type in your address to get your current evacuation level, the same tool officials use. Access via spokane911.com
- Alert Spokane — register your phone for official emergency notifications. spokanecounty.gov/3007/Alert-Spokane
- Watch Duty app — free, real-time fire perimeters and evacuation orders. app.watchduty.org
- City of Spokane Emergency Management — my.spokanecity.org/emergencymanagement

IMPORTANT

Do not return to a Level 3 area until officials say it's safe. Avoid skin contact with and inhalation of ash or debris — use N95 or P100 masks.

Text-to-911 works in Washington if you can't safely call.

Can't reach a loved one? Call Crime Check at 509-455-2233 for help locating someone.

Federal & State Disaster Assistance

IMPORTANT

Important status note: as of August 4, 2026, a federal Emergency Declaration was approved, covering firefighting and emergency-response costs only — not payments to individual homeowners. A separate Major Disaster Declaration with Individual Assistance (which would open FEMA cash for households) has been requested but is not yet approved. Watch DisasterAssistance.gov and register there once individual assistance is designated.

- American Red Cross (Northwest Region) — 1-800-733-2763 — shelter, food, and immediate disaster help.
- DSHS food benefit replacement — If you receive Washington food or cash assistance and lost food or essentials to the fire or a power outage: 1-877-501-2233. Filing windows are short — call promptly.
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) — Becomes available only if a Major Disaster Declaration with individual assistance is approved. Covers workers, including self-employed, who lose work due to the disaster. Monitor esd.wa.gov for updates.
- SBA disaster loans — Low-interest loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses become available with a disaster declaration. sba.gov/disaster | 800-659-2955
- WA 211 — Dial 211 or visit wa211.org anytime for food, shelter, and referrals.
- Governor's official wildfire resource page — governor.wa.gov/news-media/washington-wildfire-resources — includes driver's license/ID replacement and business assistance info.
- Driver license/ID replacement — WA Dept. of Licensing is offering expedited service for those affected.



Mental Health & Disaster-Specific Crisis Support

IMPORTANT

Disaster Distress Helpline — 1-800-985-5990 (call or text) 24/7, free, multilingual, disaster-specific crisis counseling. This is the resource most tailored to what evacuees are experiencing.

- Frontier Behavioral Health — 24/7 Regional Crisis Line: 1-877-266-1818. Covers Spokane, Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, and Stevens counties. Triage, mobile crisis teams, and referrals.
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline — Call or text 988.
- Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery — 2230 E. Sprague Ave. — 509-535-3155. Safe 24/7 care for young children when parents are in crisis.
- Better Health Together — Community Care Hub: 509-471-0077 — free help navigating housing, food, health coverage, childcare, and mental health services. betterhealthtogether.org

NOTE

For children: behavior changes and intense fear are normal reactions right now. The Disaster Distress Helpline also offers guidance for supporting kids through this.

Utilities & Service Disruptions

- Avista — Implemented Public Safety Power Shutoffs across parts of north Spokane, Indian Trail/Five Mile, Nine Mile Falls, and Mead. Outage map: myavista.com/outage. Text STAT to AVISTA (284782) for your address's status. Report a gas leak or downed line: 800-227-9187.
- Inland Power & Light — Separate rural provider — check their outage map if you're a member.
- Air quality — Conditions have reached Very Unhealthy levels in places. Track the AirNow Fire & Smoke Map, PurpleAir (map.purpleair.com), and the Washington Smoke Blog. Use N95/P100 masks and filter indoor air where possible.

Insurance Help

- WA Office of the Insurance Commissioner Consumer Hotline — 800-562-6900. An emergency order issued August 3, 2026 gives affected policyholders a 45-day grace period on premiums and waives late/reinstatement fees.

NOTE

See our companion Insurance Resources guide for full details on navigating your claim, Loss of Use / ALE coverage, and wildfire relief loan options.



Verified Donation Channels

To help others, and to avoid scams:

- City of Spokane H.O.M.E. Starts Here Fund — my.spokanecity.org/donate
- Innovia Foundation — Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund: innovia.org/wildfire-response
- Catholic Charities Eastern Washington (disaster response fund), Second Harvest (food), Partners INW (food, clothing, diapers)

