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Spokane County Resources for Wildfire Victims

SPOKANE COUNTY, August 21, 2023 – Today, Spokane County released a list of resources on SpokaneCounty.org that will be continually updated for those impacted by wildfires and residents seeking more information.

"As we continue to work alongside our local, state, and federal partners to respond to these devastating wildfires, Spokane County wants to keep the public informed on available resources and assistance. Our priority is keeping you and your families safe. Please continue to follow the evacuation notices, and all emergency communications from public safety agencies. Our webpage will be updated with additional resources and information as it becomes available," said Mary Kuney, Chair of the Board of Commissioners and representing District 4.

Wildfire Resources

LOCAL

American Red Cross, Greater Inland Northwest Chapter – (509) 326-3330

315 W. Nora Avenue, Spokane

http://www.redcross.org/northwest

- Red Cross Shelters:
 - Spokane Falls Community College 3410 Whistalks Way, Spokane
 - Riverside High School 4120 E. Deer Park Milan Road, Chattaroy
 - Everyone who needs to leave your home due to a disaster or emergency is welcome at a Red Cross and all disaster assistance is free.
 - Services available include but are not limited to:
 - A safe place to sleep.
 - Meals, snacks, and water.
 - Health services such as first aid or refilling lost prescriptions or lost eyeglasses.
 - Other health services.
 - Information about disaster-related resources in the community.
- For Disaster Relief and Recovery 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- To donate or volunteer: www.redcross.org/donate

Spokane County Emergency Management – (509) 477-3046

www.spokanecounty.org/4579/Emergency-Management

- Fire evacuation maps are available on Spokane EM's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/GEGEmergencyMgt
- Alert Spokane (emergency alert system) Register to receive fire and other emergency alerts: www.spokanecounty.org/3007/AlertSpokane
- Get Prepared, Build a Kit, Make a Plan & Get Involved page: https://www.spokanecounty.org/3010/Community-Resilience

Spokane County Sheriff's Office - EMERGENCY, 911 - Non-Emergency: (509) 477-2240

https://www.spokanecounty.org/4616/Sheriff

https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneCountySheriffsOffice

Spokane County Commissioners – (509) 477-2265

https://www.spokanecounty.org/1123/County-Commissioners

Spokane County Assessor's Office – (509) 477-3698

www.spokanecounty.org/assessor

• Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments resulting from Destroyed Real or Personal Property or loss of Value in a Declared Disaster Area.

Spokane County Fair and Expo Center – (509) 477-1766

404 N. Havana Street, Spokane Valley

- For livestock and large animals (no wildlife will be accepted)
- Go to the Red Gate on Broadway Avenue (eastern end of the Fairgrounds)
- Staffed by volunteers from HEART Spokane

Spokane County Fire Districts: EMERGENCY, 911

www.spokanecounty.org/936/Fire-Safety

- City of Spokane Fire Department my.spokanecity.org/fire
- Spokane Valley Fire Department www.spokanevalleyfire.com
- County Fire District 2 www.scfd2.org
- County Fire District 3 www.scfd3.org
- County Fire District 4 <u>www.scfd4.org</u>
- County Fire District 8 www.scfd8.org
- County Fire District 9 www.scfd9.org
- County Fire District 10 www.scfd10.org
- County Fire District 13 www.newmanlakefire.net

Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service (SCRAPS) –

Business: (509) 477-2532, Emergency Phone – (509) 477-2533

6815 E. Trent, Spokane Valley

www.spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday and Sunday – Closed

Saturday – 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For assistance evacuating animals from an evacuation zone, dial 911 to be connected to SLEET (Spokane County Livestock Emergency Evacuation Team)

Other volunteer opportunities:

https://www.spokanecounty.org/1811/Volunteer-Opportunities

Vitalant Blood Donation-Spokane – (877) 258-4825

210 W. Cataldo Avenue, Spokane – Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

https://vitalant.org

City of Spokane Safe Air Centers

Air Quality Information

City of Cheney Alerts

STATE

Washington State Legislature – <u>www.leg.wa.gov</u> (Locate your State Legislator for assistance with state agencies)

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) / Wildland Fire Management Division $-(360)\ 902-1300$

- www.dnr.wa.gov/Wildfires
- Northwest Interagency Coordination Center https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc
 - Information from morning briefings, fire and evacuation maps, community meetings, etc.

WA State Transportation Real-Time Travel Map

Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner – (800) 562-6900

www.insurance.wa.gov

For consumers with questions or concerns about insurance coverage

FEDERAL

InciWeb - Federal Fire Tracking Website inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/washington

U.S. Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers – (509) 353-2374

mcmorris.house.gov/wildfire-resources

U.S. Senator Patty Murray – (509) 624-9515

www.murray.senate.gov/

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell - (509) 353-2507

www.cantwell.senate.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – (800) 621-3362

www.fema.gov

Federal Housing and Urban Development – (800) 304-9320

www.hud.gov/disaster resources

Small Business Administration – (800) 659-2955

www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

United States Department of Agriculture – www.fsa.usda.gov
USDA Farm Service Agency – Commercial Agricultural Producers ONLY!
Spokane County
Ryan Leners, Exec.
(509) 381-6719

- FSA offers several assistance programs to qualified agricultural producers who have losses due to wildfire:
 - Emergency Assistance to Livestock, Honeybees and Farm Raised Fish (ELAP). This program covers additional feed purchases, water hauling, and additional grazing. This is for replacement items. It also allows for the assistance to go both directions. Take the feed and water to the animal or take the animal to new feed and water locations.
 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP). This program covers grazing losses. This is for immediate items. This program does not need to be a part of the disaster, wildfire or any declaration.
 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). This program covers livestock losses in excess of normal mortality. This program does not need to be a part of the disaster, wildfire or any declaration.
- Items available but require national approval for funding:
 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). This covers items such as lost fencing.
 - Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP. This would be allowed once the county reaches a D2 drought designation, or if the county has at least a 40% loss in forage production from a qualifying event, such as wildfire.

About Spokane County

Spokane County government serves over half a million citizens and 13 municipal jurisdictions, making it the fourth-largest county in the State of Washington. For more information, visit www.spokanecounty.org, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.