



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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### RESOURCES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY AUGUST LIGHTNING FIRES

The Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center has been activated to respond to the CZU August Lightning Complex wildfires. Due to the overwhelming footprint of the incident, the County is asking evacuees to find accommodations with family or friends if possible.

For those unable to secure alternative accommodations, the following shelters have been set up:

- Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA
- Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, 2601 E. Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA

Shelters are open to county residents. Pets are welcome, but it is requested that they be under owner's control. Please bring a pet carrier if you can. Shelter staff will assist those with special needs. Behavioral health specialists will be on site for support.

For information on accommodations for evacuees, please call Red Cross at 1-866-272-2237.

If you need assistance evacuating animals, please call 831-471-1182.

To find the most current evacuation map visit [www.smco.community.zonehaven.com](http://www.smco.community.zonehaven.com)

Sign up for Cal Fire email updates - <https://tinyurl.com/czulightning>. The CalFire public information line for the fire incident is 831-335-6717.

Santa Cruz County Human Services benefits hotline is 1-888-421-8080 (toll free). Residents impacted by the fire who are enrolled in benefits programs may be eligible for replacement benefits.

To list yourself safe go to [www.redcross.org/safeandwell](http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell) to click "List Yourself as Safe and Well."

For the latest traffic advisories or restrictions: <https://cruz511.org/>

For the latest local air quality information: <http://air.mbard.org/>

Community members are advised not to donate durable goods or food during disasters. However, the County welcomes contributions of large, family-sized tents at the Emeline Warehouse, 1082 Emeline in Santa Cruz (rear of the property behind 1080 Emeline Health Clinic).