

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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## ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOTEL EVACUEES

The Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center is pleased to announce a new online application and renewal request form for evacuees utilizing the free hotel program managed by the State Department of General Services' and supported by FEMA.

CZU Lightning Fire Complex evacuees not yet placed at a hotel may go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SCCHotel</u> to submit an initial, first time application for hotel program assistance.

Alternately, CZU Lightning Fire Complex evacuees already placed at a hotel may go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SCCHotelRenewal</u> to request a renewal of their seven-day reservation if they are within 24 hours of their reservation's check-out date.

These links are also available at <u>www.santacruzcounty.us/fireresources</u>.

Applications should not be submitted more than once. Evacuees who submit multiple applications risks being rejected from the State program.

Once your evacuation order is lifted, you will be required to check out of your hotel the following morning even if your seven-day reservation has not expired. You must check out of your hotel once you are able to return home. Currently, repopulated areas do not include fire damage.

The repopulation process is ongoing, and evacuees should maintain awareness of current evacuation orders. If you have been evacuated, but have not been permitted to return home, you may remain in your hotel for the remainder of your seven-day reservation duration. If you are within 24 hours of the end of your seven-day reservation and are still under evacuation order, please use the online renewal request form to request an extension.

For a map of evacuated areas to see if your area's evacuation order has been lifted, please visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/y3zc8hpt</u>.

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