

Maui Disaster Recovery Legal Resources

Legal Services



Act 278 - Eviction Mediation Pilot Program

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/archives/measure_indiv_Archives.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=825&year=2025
Hawaii State Legislature Bill Relating to Eviction Mediation



Act 278 - Eviction Mediation Pilot Program FAQ

<https://www.hawaiiirealtors.com/news-announcements/act-278-eviction-mediation-pilot-program>
"FAQ from Hawaii Realtors for informational purposes only."



Maui County Bar Association Disaster Legal Hotline

<https://mauibar.org/disaster-legal-hotline/>
"Legal assistance for the residents of Maui and Big Island affected by wildfires"



Native Hawaiian Legal Corp

<https://nativehawaiianlegalcorp.org/disaster-help/>
"NHLC is answering questions, providing legal information, and sharing referral information to those that need it. It will also provide Native Hawaiian Families with legal counseling and representation to keep family lands and homesteads and protect cultural rites."



Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i

<https://www.vlsh.org/news/maui-fires-resources/>
"VLSH is a non-profit legal service organization that provides legal assistance to the low to moderate income community. All VLSH administrative fees are now waived for impacted Maui residents who need legal assistance." (Coordinating with LASH to distribute more information.)



Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency

<https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/august-2023-wildfires/>
"The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency is supporting wildfire response and recovery efforts in Hawai'i and Maui counties, including the extensive damage in Lāhainā."



VLSH Maui Resident Free Virtual/Phone Legal Clinics

<https://histatelawlibrary.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/MAUI-VIRTUAL-clinics.pdf>
Call 528-7046 for intake and to register

- September 21, 2023: District Court Matters: Private Landlord-Tenant, Debt Collections, Small Claims (8 spots available)
- October 14, 2023: Family Law (4 spots available) and Estate Planning (8 spots available)
- November 16, 2023: Estate Planning (4 spots available)



HSBA Disaster Legal Hotline

hsba.org
"The HSBA will be hosting a free legal hotline to provide legal assistance to the residents of Maui and the Big Island affected by the wildfires." Additional days TBA



Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i (LASH)

<https://www.legalaidhawaii.org/need-help.html>

"The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i is a public interest, non-profit law firm dedicated to achieving fairness and justice through legal advocacy, outreach, and education for those in need."



Hawai'i State Bar Association Legal Line

https://hsba.org/HSBA_2020/Public/Legal_Line.aspx

"Volunteer attorneys host a telephone hotline every Wednesday evening from the hours of 6 to 7pm and provide free legal information to the public."



Info Loop re: Information/Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il1de1xrznc>

"Pacific Gateway Center, Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights (of which TLC is an active member), and Aloha Care have come up with an innovative way to get the word out to Maui fire victims about all of the services and resources that are available to them - including legal services - in multiple languages!"



Immigrant Resource Center

https://histatelawlibrary.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/IRC_Hotline-announcement.jpg

"Direct access to interpreters in Chuukese, Marshallese, Ilocano, Tagalog, Spanish, and Tongan."



Free Legal Answers (Hawai'i)

<https://hawaii.freelegalanswers.org/>

"Hawaii Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice clinic in which qualifying users post civil legal questions at no cost to be answered by pro bono attorneys licensed in their state."



HSBA Lawyer Referral

<http://hawaiilawyerreferral.com/>

"The LRIS is a public service provided by the HSBA and attorneys signed up for the service are able to assist clients with all types of legal problems."



The Legal Clinic - Maui Fire Relief Resources

<https://www.tlchawaii.org/maui-resources>

Various resources focusing on help with FEMA assistance, multilingual information, a consular directory, and much more.



The Legal Clinic - Document Replacement Clinic

<https://bit.ly/immig-doc-replace4mau>

"Legal advocates will be available to help with applications for replacement of lost or destroyed immigration documents including replacement of green cards and certificates of naturalization."



How to Appeal FEMA's Determination on Disaster Assistance

<https://www.lawhelp.org/resource/how-to-appeal-femas-determination-on-disaster-assistance>

Online tool to help write a letter to appeal a rejection to FEMA's Disaster Assistance.



Create Your Own Appeal Letter to FEMA

<https://advocatesfordisasterjustice.org/appeallettertofema/>

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Health and Human Services



Mega Disaster Recovery Center

<https://www.fema.gov/locations/hawaii#block-views-block-disaster-recovery-centers-block-2>

Disaster centers where people can speak to FEMA specialists, get assistance registering for disaster assistance, and have access to other federal and state resources. These centers are open from 8am to 7pm seven days a week. There are currently three Disaster Recovery Centers: UH Maui College, Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center, and the Lahaina Civic Center.



Maui Recovers

<http://mauirecovers.org>

A website dedicated to bringing updates on the Maui wildfires along with various resources for those impacted.



Hawai'i Residential Landlord-Tenant Information Center

<https://cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/landlord-tenant/>

The Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) operates the Hawaii Residential Landlord-Tenant Information Center. This free service offers information to the general public about Hawaii's Residential Landlord-Tenant Code. It includes an FAQ specific for people from Maui.



Maui Nui Strong

<https://www.mauinuistrong.info/resource-categories/relief-unemployment>

"The Family Assistance Center (FAC) is a 'one-stop shop' of resources and services for those who have been affected by the Maui wildfires."



People's Fund of Maui

<https://www.eifoundation.org/peoples-fund-of-maui/>

"People's Fund of Maui is providing direct financial assistance to Maui community members experiencing devastating losses from the fires in Lahaina and Kula."



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Maui Strong: Mental Health Resources

<https://owr.hawaii.gov/maui-mental-health-resources/>

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Hawai'i State Law Library

<https://hstatelawlibrary.com/maui-disaster-recovery-legal-resources/>

A comprehensive list of the various Maui Disaster Recovery Legal Resources.