



California Chemical Leak 05/26/2026

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Press release May 26, 2026

“California governor declares state of emergency over looming chemical disaster

Gavin Newsom, California’s governor, declared a state of emergency on Saturday in response to the looming threat of chemical disaster in Orange County.

The proclamation directs the governor’s office of emergency services and other state agencies to provide additional support to Orange County responders. The governor’s office is also making state-owned properties available to shelter the 40,000 people ordered to evacuate from the area.

“The safety of Orange County residents is the top priority,” Newsom said in a statement. “We are mobilizing every state resource available to support local responders and make sure the community has what they need to stay safe.”

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Orange County Emergency Management
2644 E Santiago Canyon Rd
Irvine, CA 92602
714-628-7055

[Emergency Management | Orange County California - Sheriff's Department Social Media and Applications | Orange County](#)

American Red Cross

American Red Cross Southern California
600 Park Center Dr
Santa Ana, CA 92705
714-481-5300

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OpenShelters: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Department of Transportation

Department of Transportation Orange County
11790 Cardinal Cir
Garden Grove, CA 92843
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United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

[2-1-1 Orange County |](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/search-your-location)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](https://www.redcross.org/help-those-affected-by-disasters)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/alerts).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](https://www.weather.com)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](https://www.safe-travel.com)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/traffic)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.