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Don't Rush Into Making Any Legal Decisions

- Now is not the time to hire an attorney or public adjuster
- Be cautious of accepting initial settlement offers

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If Your Rental Home is Uninhabitable

- Stop all utilities: CANCEL electric, water, gas, solar, trash, phone/internet
- You do NOT owe rent while your house is uninhabitable and are entitled to the unused portion of January's rent
- You are entitled to a return of your security deposit within three weeks

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If Your Rental Home is Repairable or Inhabitable

- You do NOT owe rent while your rental is uninhabitable
- You can choose to end lease or return after repairs are made. Tell your landlord what you want to do and keep a record of what you told them
- Your landlord CANNOT increase the rent more than 10% higher than you paid before the fire: **THAT IS PRICE GOUGING**
- Your landlord CANNOT evict you and lease to someone else for higher rent.

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If Your Rental Home is Rent Controlled

- RTSPO (LA County) can offer relocation assistance

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What Should You Do About Price Gouging?

- Rent protections apply to current and prospective tenants
- If you see price-gouging, file a complaint at dcba.lacounty.gov