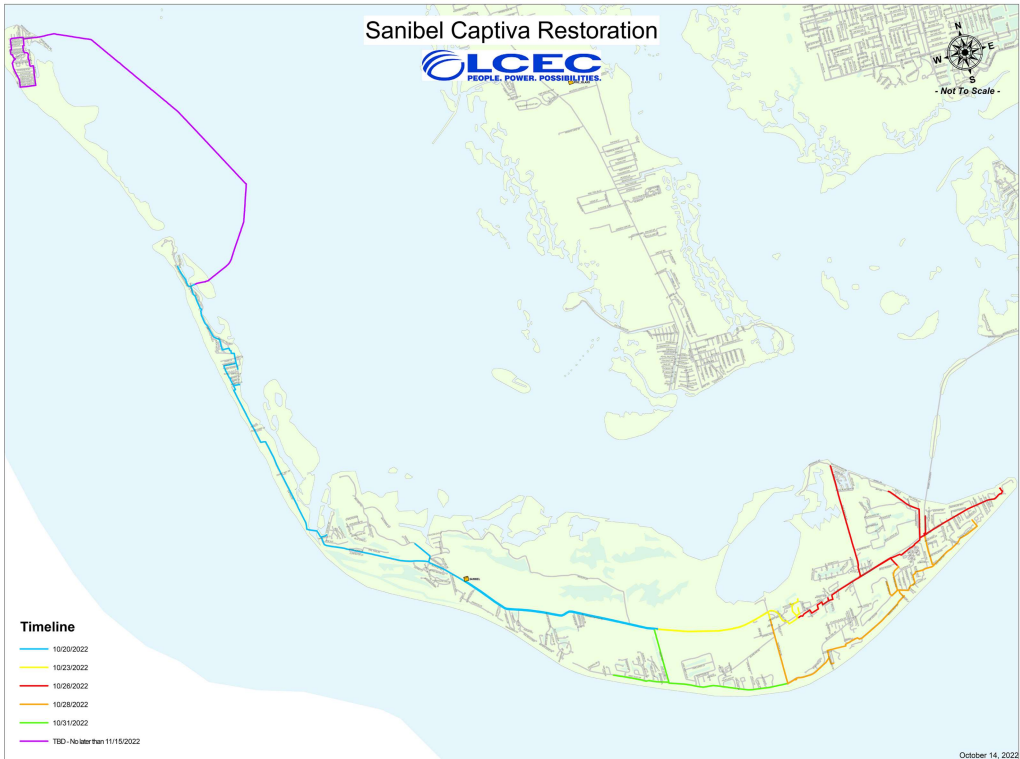


LCEC, IWA announce restoration plans

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LCEC expects to restore power to Captiva by Oct. 20

FROM LCEC:

LCEC just released the following estimates (above) for power restoration, showing that Captiva could be back online by Oct. 20. Guidelines for activating power to individual structures will be issued prior to that date.

Water available for construction and property clean-up on Sanibel and Captiva

FROM IWA:

The Island Water Association has pressurized the water distribution system throughout Sanibel and Captiva islands. The water remains under a boil advisory and is not safe for consumption unless brought to a rolling boil for at least one-minute.

Water must only be used for construction purposes and property clean up until sanitary sewer systems are online. Water must not be used for any purpose that will discharge to the sewer, including toilet flushing, showering, laundry, and hand washing.

The City of Sanibel will inform residents when the sanitary sewer system is operational.

Residents of Captiva Island should check with their neighborhood association representative to determine if their sanitary sewer system or package plant is operational. Property owners with performance treatment systems or septic systems should confirm their system is able to treat wastewater properly beforehand.

To reestablish water service at your property you must complete the request form available on the Island Water Association's website, www.islandwater.com. IWA will work to turn on water service 72 hours after receiving the request.

Captiva re-entry process approved

With the expected opening of the Sanibel Causeway to civilian traffic by Oct. 21, here are the anticipated procedures that residents, workers and contractors driving to Captiva will need to obey:

Captiva residents should get Residential hurricane re-entry pass from the city so they can access Sanibel on their way to Captiva. Application and requirements are online at

[https://www.mysanibel.com/content/download/30505/file/Residential%20Pass%](https://www.mysanibel.com/content/download/30505/file/Residential%20Pass%20Application)

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Contractors or business people working on Captiva should get a Commercial hurricane re-entry pass from the city, available online at <https://www.mysanibel.com/content/download/30506/file/Commercial%20Pass%20Application%20-%202019%20-%20MASTER.pdf>. The application lists what you need to provide to get the pass.

Insurance adjusters: There will be a special re-entry pass for insurance adjusters to access the island. They will have to show proof of state licensure and provide a list of properties, claim numbers, addresses, and owners' names they are there to assess. Email this information to Andrea.miller@mysanibel.com for processing.

You can obtain a pass in person at the temporary City Hall at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers. Go to the Captiva Room Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

NOTE: The county is also working on establishing a ferry system that will operate on a regular schedule. People coming to Captiva by ferry will still need to meet certain entry requirements, which will be announced shortly. A barge landing area for commercial use on Captiva is also in the works.

If you're driving across the causeway:

It is anticipated that Sanibel Police will establish two lines for entry: Cars with visible hurricane passes and cars without. That may expedite re-entry somewhat, but you should still expect long lines of traffic the first few days after the Causeway is open to residents and contractors.

You should also plan on limited availability of gasoline on both islands for the first few days, so start out the day with a full tank of gas just to be safe. Gas supplies should improve shortly.

During re-entry, vehicles should have a valid City of Sanibel hurricane re-entry pass on display hanging from the rear-view mirror with the front facing forward; the rear facing the driver. Although people can still gain access to the island with a valid driver's license that has a physical Sanibel or Captiva address (no post office box), displaying a valid pass could significantly expedite re-entry.



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