
10/19 storm recovery update

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Storm recovery update for Oct. 19

Power restoration: Despite comments stating other dates for power to be restored to Captiva, we have not heard any change from the Oct. 20 [estimate](#) made by LCEC over the weekend. That estimate said that **North Captiva** might not get its power restored until Nov. 15, which could be where the confusion occurred.

Hurricane passes: Both 2021 and 2022 passes both valid for re-entry.

- Resident Access: [Residential Hurricane Reentry Pass](#) or valid ID with Sanibel or Captiva address.
- Property Owner Access: [Hurricane Reentry Pass](#) with valid ID
- Contractor access: [Commercial Hurricane Reentry Pass](#) with valid ID
- Insurance Adjuster Access: [Insurance Adjuster Reentry Pass](#) with valid ID

The causeway is expected to open to civilian traffic on Friday, Oct. 20. Expect the lines to be long, so bring plenty of patience and gasoline. Only people with hurricane passes (or the necessary proof to show they are island residents) will be allowed over the bridge -- ALL OTHERS will be turned away.

Curfews: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Captiva, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Sanibel

Traffic: Sanibel has established and will enforce a **20 mph speed limit** on its roads. The city is also warning motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to watch out for the variety of large vehicles assisting in storm recovery efforts, and to give them the right-of-way whenever possible.

Water: Island Water Association (IWA) has pressurized the water distribution system throughout Sanibel and Captiva. The water 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.

Captiva residents 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 re-establish water service at your property you must complete the request form available on the IWA website, www.islandwater.com.

Solid waste: Keep vegetation debris and construction debris separate, this will expedite their removal once debris trucks can work on the island.

Make every attempt to avoid stacking debris below low hanging power or utility lines, and do not place debris within four feet of:

- Mailboxes
- Water meters
- Fire hydrants
- Any other above-ground utility

Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection until further notice. If all debris is not picked up during the initial pass, please continue to push remaining debris to the right-of-way for collection on subsequent passes.

As debris is cleared, it is likely nails and screws will be repeatedly dropped in the roadway. To prevent flat tires, residents are asked to collect and dispose of

any nails and screws found in front of residences.

Swim advisory: The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) has issued a county-wide precautionary swim [advisory](#) for all public beaches and swimming pools and urges the public to not enter the water due to the possible increase of waterborne illnesses.



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