

# 10/21 Captiva storm recovery update

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## LCEC update

### FROM LCEC:

LCEC will follow the normal protocols as it restores power to Captiva. If lines to the structure are intact and appear electrically sound, we will connect. If it is damaged, we will not connect; we will require a permit/inspection and the customer will have to contact us for reconnect.

The duration of time estimated for restoration on Sanibel and Captiva for those who can receive power is 10/20/2022 to 11/15/2022.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Sometimes major storms can cause damage to your home that will prevent your power from coming back on even though LCEC has made all necessary repairs to your circuit.

- **Check your circuit breaker:** Have any switches been tripped? Note: If your home has any storm-related flooding, address this issue first before attempting to assess any home electrical problems.
- **Make a visual inspection of the outside of your home:** Is there any visible damage to your weatherhead – the place where electric wires attach to your home? Are there any wires dangling on the ground that should be connected to your home? If so, stay clear and call 239-656-2300 or 800-599-2356 to report it.

- **If you're returning home after evacuating:** Enter cautiously and look for signs of flooding or other damage.
- **Turn off your main breaker:** Until you can confirm the integrity of your house's electrical system, turning off the main breaker ensures safety once the lines to your structure are powered up. If you have any doubts, have a certified electrician verify BEFORE flipping your main breaker back on.
- **Power up gradually:** Turn on your appliances one at a time to prevent power surges

## **South Seas update**

### **FROM BOB WALTER:**

The main lines will be energized for all of Captiva Thursday. LCEC is aware that some problem areas exist from the main lines to the end user in some areas. These areas will be isolated from main line. On Friday they will begin energizing to the end users that do not have a known problem. LCEC will then circle back and begin repairing and fixing the areas that were isolated ASAP.

LCEC cannot be responsible for the condition of your electrical system inside your home. Therefore, they want all systems disconnected and only turned on at the main breaker if the homeowner is confident that there are no interior complications. If you have any doubts, have a certified electrician verify BEFORE flipping your main breaker back on.

As with the water, your HOA management team is coordinating the powering-up of your associations. If you are not part of an association and you are in the South Seas rental program we will assist you. Contact Marina Bloetz or Bob Walter at [mbloetz@southseas.com](mailto:mbloetz@southseas.com) or [bwalter@southseas.com](mailto:bwalter@southseas.com).

### **Update 10/19/2022: ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION**

Island Water has put out directions on how to schedule to have your water turned back on, which are available at [islandwater.com](http://islandwater.com) (as is the application to restore service). If you are part of an association, your management representative is assisting with the logistics of turning on your water and checking for leaks etc. If you are not in an association and are part of the South Seas rental program, our team will assist you with the logistics of turning on water and electric. Please reach out to Marina Bloetz or myself or preferably both of us -- [mbloetz@southseas.com](mailto:mbloetz@southseas.com) [bwalter@southseas.com](mailto:bwalter@southseas.com).

### **Update 10/19/2022: FGUA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

General note: Utility 3-phase power to WWTP is anticipated to be active sometime Saturday, Oct. 22.

Wastewater treatment plant functioning normally on generator power. Three-phase power restoration will discontinue need for generator.

We have 18 WW pump stations: Nine pumping stations (1 through 6, 14, 15 and 18) are apparently undamaged and were pumped using portable trash pump or temporary generator power. These are “2 pump” stations serving mainly the commercial and condo areas. We will know more once utility power is restored.

Nine pumping stations (7 through 13, 16 and 17) are buried and are in the process of being uncovered and assessed. These are small “1 pump” stations mostly located along the beach homes areas. The controls panels are damaged and will be replaced. New panels are located and readily available.

We’ve placed an RV on site for crew quarters. This will mitigate the problem of island access and enable a more productive workday.





## Island shuttle service

### FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:

**LEE TRAN SHUTTLE SERVICE:** Beginning Friday, Oct. 21, LeeTran will operate two shuttle bus routes to help residents move through the islands. The hours of operation are 8:00am – 6:00pm and the service is free. The Sanibel route will begin at the Sanibel Captiva Chamber, with additional stops at the following locations: Jerry's Plaza, Bailey's Center, Ding Darling Overflow Lot, Bowmans Beach Road, and South Seas Island Resort. The Captiva route will

begin at South Seas Island and follow the reverse route to the Sanibel Captiva Chamber. Please click to see the [transit map](#) with shuttle routes and stops.

**REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY:** Property owners who sustained hurricane damage may advise the Lee County Property Appraiser about the damage via [this hurricane reporting link](#). You may also directly upload photos and other information [here](#).

**MAIL PICKUP:** Mail for Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers Beach may be picked up at the JetPort Loop Mail Station (14080 JetPort Loop, Fort Myers, FL) The hours are Monday-Friday 9 am-4 pm, and Saturday 9 am-noon.

## **“Blue Roof” deadline extended**

The deadline to apply for Operation Blue Roof has been extended to Nov. 1 from its original Oct. 23 closure.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist eligible homeowners with temporary roof repairs. The Operation Blue Roof program will provide a temporary blue covering with fiber-reinforced sheeting to help reduce further damage to property until permanent repairs can be made. Operation Blue Roof is a free service to homeowners.

Residents impacted by Hurricane Ian can sign up at [Bluroof.us](#) or call 888-766-3258.

## **Your septic system, ATU and performance-based treatment systems**

### **FROM CREWS ENVIRONMENTAL:**

Crews Environmental wants you to be aware of the following when it is time to restart your septic system now that water and power are being restored to the islands. Keeping these simple tips in mind can help you minimize damages and avoid septic back-ups.

Most septic systems have not been damaged by Hurricane Ian. Unless the tank has floated out of the ground, the in-ground system will be usable after the flood waters recede and the drain field dries out. Some components, such as electric panels, above-ground blowers/aerators, and pumps, may have been

damaged beyond repair if submerged by flood waters.

If you have a Performance Based Treatment System, Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU) or lift station you will not be able to use your system until power is restored.

We know it is important to clear debris from your home and yard. By following a couple of simple rules you can help ensure a safe environment for emergency services and utility personnel. When piling debris for pick-up please ensure that the Right-of-Way is kept clear and accessible for emergency vehicle access.

It is also crucial that you preserve your drain field and septic tank by keeping them clear of debris and preventing vehicles and construction equipment from driving across or parking on the drain field. Crews Environmental can provide *limited* debris removal to access your septic tank and drain field during service calls.

You can contact Crews Environmental with questions at 239.332.1986 or by emailing [AdminAssistant@CrewsEnvironmental.com](mailto:AdminAssistant@CrewsEnvironmental.com), and be sure to check our website at [www.CrewsEnvironmental.com](http://www.CrewsEnvironmental.com).



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