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# 11/19 storm recovery update

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## Storm recovery notes

- **Note:** New FEMA flood elevation maps went into effect as of Nov. 17. To find out about changes and any impact on your properties, you can look online at <https://www.leegov.com/dcd/flood/floodways/femamapchanges>
- The City of Sanibel has confirmed that deliveries to both islands are being allowed if the delivery service has paperwork showing delivery address on Sanibel or Captiva.
- **FROM THE CCA:** Please note that next week's WiFi drop in hours will be adjusted due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Nov. 21-23) from 11 am-4 pm and closed on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 24-25).
- **The City of Sanibel** announced that the office issuing island re-entry passes is moving to the Talking Books Library, 1651 Lee Street, in downtown Fort Myers, beginning Monday, Nov. 21. Hours will vary during the move to accommodate both the change in location and other services being offered at this site. The City of Sanibel Facebook Live updates are also moving to this site to facilitate broadcast options, with the next update planned for Tuesday, Nov. 22. The updates will now be given every Tuesday only, with other recovery news from the city to be issued as necessary through its website and emails alerts.

## **Red tide alert posted for Lee County**

### **FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:**

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Lee County posted Red Tide advisory signage yesterday at Blind Pass Beach Park, due to the high concentration of red tide sampled near Buck Key.

FDOH advisories are issued based upon the most recent data collected and analyzed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC). Due to Hurricane Ian, FWC has not been sampling their regular beach locations on Sanibel but intend to resume next week.

To fill in some gaps, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation sampled several beach locations on Monday of this week—finding high concentrations or near high concentrations at Lighthouse Beach, Gulfside, and Tarpon Bay Beach.

The countywide no swimming advisory remains in effect.

## **FWC extends deadline for waivers for unsalvageable vessels**

### **FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:**

Following Hurricane Ian's landfall, vessel owners were given a 45-day grace period to bring derelict vessels into compliance or remove them from state waters. The grace period ended on Nov. 15. The number of impacted vessels is significant and many residents are still assessing damages. Taking these factors into consideration, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has decided to extend the waiver acceptance deadline through the end of December.

Owners are still encouraged to hire a salvage company themselves to recover their vessel to provide the safest method possible for the vessel and the environment. Vessel owners may release ownership of a displaced vessel through the waiver process if they don't have the resources to salvage or bring the vessel out of derelict status themselves. The FWC will then facilitate the removal and destruction of the vessel, and owners will not be charged for removal costs.

This process can be initiated by contacting the FWC through the Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline at 850-488-5600 and requesting to turn over a derelict vessel.

An FWC representative will then contact the owner to explain the waiver process and facilitate the potential turnover of ownership.

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