



# HURRICANE RECOVERY MEASURES

## A SAFE & SECURE RECOVERY

The Town of Longboat Key strives to offer safe and secure recovery measures for both residents and visitors after a major storm event. Town Staff are dedicated in leading, assisting, and working towards all levels of restoration while emphasizing the importance of safety for all.

## DISASTER PLAN

Prior to any major storm event, it is important to have a Disaster Plan in place to secure homes, properties, families, and pets. It is essential to have a safe place to shelter both during and after storm events and to remain in contact with loved ones.

## CODERED ALERT SYSTEM

The Town communicates with staff, residents, and visitors through a CodeRED alert system. It is essential to register with CodeRED to ensure communication of emergency messages prior, during, and post storm and other major events. For further information please visit [www.longboatkey.org](http://www.longboatkey.org) or call 941-316-1999.

## RESTORING ELECTRICITY

Understandably, during and after a major storm event the likelihood of power outages increases. It is important to plan and prepare for potential power outages. This may include equipping households and businesses with battery powered lights, fans, radios, generators, coolers with ice, and other relief materials for potential outages. All outages must be reported directly to Florida Power & Light (FPL). Please contact FPL with concerns regarding power, outages, downed lines/wires, trees touching or falling on power lines and poles, and for tree trimming around/near lines and poles. Visit the webpage, [www.fplmaps.com](http://www.fplmaps.com) to report outages, or check on the status of a reported outage. Contact FPL at 1-800-226-3545 or 1-800-468-8243.

## STORM DEBRIS COLLECTIONS

The Town of Longboat Key shares a contract with Storm Debris Contractors to assist with the removal of storm debris after a major storm event. Residents may be asked to bring loose debris to the public right-of-way so that debris removal contractors can perform collections. Please do not place debris within four (4) feet of water meters, backflow devices, fire hydrants, or any other above ground utility. Please ensure to separate vegetative debris from any construction and demolition (C&D) debris.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Be prepared for adjustments to sanitation schedules after a major storm event. Place household waste in garbage bags and/or containers for disposal until your regular service resumes. See local public information for yard waste disposal instructions. Place all trash in an accessible area away from cars, fences, trees, power lines, water meters and fire hydrants. Contact Waste Management at 941-753-7591 or visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

## BOIL WATER NOTICES

If the water treatment and distribution system loses pressure or is temporarily interrupted, the Town of Longboat Key, in consultation with the Manatee County Health Department, may be required to issue a precautionary boil water notice. This means, as a precaution, all water used for drinking, cooking or brushing teeth must be brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of one minute. Once water service has been restored to the affected area, the Town's Utilities staff will test the water. The precautionary boil water notice will remain in effect until all testing confirms that the water quality meets or exceeds all applicable drinking water standards. Once all water tests are acceptable, the Town, in consultation with the Manatee County Health Department, will issue another notification to lift the precautionary boil water notice. This means water no longer has to be boiled for drinking, cooking, or brushing teeth.

## WATER AND STORMWATER

Prior to the storm, prevent flooding by making sure any storm drains located near your property are free of debris so water can drain into them freely. If water pressure is low or service has been temporarily interrupted, flush toilets as little as possible, do not hose driveways or wash cars, and turn off all sprinkler systems to conserve water after the storm. Report water main breaks and leaks, clogged storm drains and illegal dumping into the stormwater system by calling the Public Works Department at 941-316-1988 or the non-emergency Dispatch number if after regular business hours at 941-316-1977 or 941-316-1201.

## SANDBAGS

Sand, bags, and shovels are generally made available to residents prior to major storm events at the Broadway Street Beach Access. Note that this location is a self-filling station. The Town encourages residents to keep sandbags at least during the duration of hurricane season. Sandbags can best be preserved if kept in a dry and dark storage area, such as a garage or shed. The Town encourages recycling sandbags. Unwanted sandbags can be emptied at the Broadway Street sand pile. Once emptied, residents are encouraged to save the bags for later use. DO NOT discard sand into stormwater drains, or canals.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### FEMA

1-800-621-3362  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

Florida Power & Light  
1-800-266-3545  
[www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)

Frontier (f.k.a. Verizon)  
1-855-286-2648  
[www.go.frontier.com](http://www.go.frontier.com)

Town of Longboat Key Town Hall  
941-316-1999

Public Works  
941-316-1988  
[www.longboatkey.org](http://www.longboatkey.org)

Waste Management  
941-753-7591  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

Xfinity/Comcast  
1-800-934-6489  
[www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)