

## Hurricane Idalia Update – August 29, 2023 – 10am

**Hurricane Idalia's track, intensity and landfall projections have been updated for landfall as a Category 3 storm near Cedar Key, FL on Wednesday around 10am.**

Sarasota County issued an evacuation order and Manatee County issued a mandatory evacuation order. Both orders are for Zone A. All of Longboat Key is in Zone A and is therefore under an order to evacuate today.

**Although there is high level of confidence in the current forecast there are still some unknowns for Longboat Key that everyone should seriously consider in their decision-making:**

- Storm surge is estimated at 5' which includes the high tides of 2.9+ (at 10:54am on Tuesday and 11:54am on Wednesday).
- Rain estimated from 6-8 inches will also increase the level of flooding.
- Roads may become impassable before the storm arrives and could affect your ability to evacuate.
- When roads become flooded we would ask that everyone stay off the roads due to dangerous conditions.
- Manatee County may make a decision to turn off water services to their barrier islands if storm surge reaches a level that creates risk to their water distribution system. Manatee County will make that decision sometime tomorrow.
- If water service is disrupted, a boil water advisory would be necessary.
- Wind and gusts from 45-65 mph would impact emergency services being able to reach you if needed for medical or safety concerns.
- Please remain vigilant for tornado risk as the storm passes
- Power outages are likely in these conditions. If you live in a high-rise and elevators are inoperable, consider how well you could get out of your building if needed.
- Do not leave electric vehicles plugged in during power outages or in flood conditions due to high risk of battery fires.
- Wastewater service is driven by power availability.
- Downed power lines are always a risk during high winds.
- If you experience power outage or downed power lines call 1-800-4OUTAGE.
- Expect high surf and coastal erosion and urge beachgoers to stay out of the water due to extreme risk for rip tides
- Waste Management will cease operation on Tuesday and Wednesday and resume on Thursday

Sandbag Operations at the Broadway Beach Access will be self-filling for Longboat Key residents as supplies last.

Town Offices will remain closed Tuesday – we are evaluating conditions to determine office hours on Wednesday.

- Monitor the weather for any sudden changes to the forecast, track and intensity. [NWS Southern Region Tropical Webpage \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/southern)

Updates will be posted to the Town's website [www.longboatkey.org](http://www.longboatkey.org), Facebook, Twitter and Instagram if conditions change.

Thank you to those registered with Alert Longboat Key. ***If you have registered for Alert Longboat Key in the past and are receiving this message – you do not need to re-register.***

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