

Alert Longboat Key re TS Helene – September 24, 2024 2:30 pm

The Town of Longboat Key is currently in a Hurricane and Storm Surge Warning with a Declared State of Emergency in effect. An Evacuation Order has been issued for 7am Wednesday, September 25 and includes Longboat Key. Expected storm impacts will begin as early as late Wednesday.

The Ringling Bridge will close when, and if, the roads are impassable due to weather impacts. This could occur early Thursday morning and carry through into Thursday.

Shelters will be opened in both counties beginning Wednesday, September 25 at 12 pm.

Water service to the barrier islands is anticipated to be turned off due to storm surge impacts that could threaten the integrity of the Town's water distribution system. The timing of that is uncertain at this time but will be announced when the information becomes available.

There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, September 26 so please secure your carts or store them indoors.

Updates will be provided through the Town's website, social media platforms and direct e-mail for those registered with E-Notifications. If you are not registered, visit the Town's website www.longboatkey.org click the top right corner E-Notifications.

Prepare now, and stay safe!

Alert Longboat Key re Hurricane Helene – September 25, 2024 11:30 am

Tropical Storm Helene has strengthened to a hurricane. An Evacuation Order is in effect for the Town of Longboat Key. Due to the expected storm surge and anticipation of water supply being turned off by Manatee County, we urge all residents to depart the island swiftly and safely. The Town will issue another update at 1:30pm. Continue to monitor www.LongboatKey.org for additional information.

Hurricane Helene 9-28-24 Alert Longboat Assessment & Recovery 10:15

Tier 2 Re-Entry will resume at 10:30 am, Sunday, September 29 with a 7pm curfew

Entry to the island is only accessible through the South end, at New Pass Bridge.

A Boil Water Notice is in effect until 2 lab tests confirm that our water is safe to drink.

Tier 2 essential personnel will need an identification card with the name of the business, the individual's name, issued in the current year to be presented at the check point.

Intermittent water outages are to be expected as we are still working through our water supply and pressure issues, as well as restoration of wastewater capability. Significant power outages remain, with FPL working to restore service.

All persons granted access must be self-sustaining with food, water, medical supplies and secure quarters. They must comply with movement and curfew restrictions if issued by the Town.

We appreciate your continued patience. Town staff remains diligent in restoration of services & infrastructure to get everyone home quickly and safely.

Hurricane Helene Alert Longboat Key, October 3, 2024 @ 5 PM

Boil Water Rescinded – Construction Hours Extended Hours – Beach Access Restrictions – Debris Collection – POD Closed

Effective at 5pm today, October 3rd, the boil water advisory is rescinded for Longboat Key as the required water testing for Longboat Key and Manatee County were satisfactory. You no longer need to use boiled or bottled water for cooking and drinking water.

Construction activities for storm damage repair work has been approved to occur from 7am through 7pm daily, through October 31, 2024 to allow maximum efficiency in restoring safe, livable structures. This waiver to Chapter 130.02, Sound Regulations is issued by the Town Manager and applies to storm damage related repair ONLY.

All Beach Access points are closed to vehicle access and parking until further notice. Town equipment and vehicles need full access to conduct beach restoration work.

Debris collectors are working on storm debris removal today and will make several passes through public roads in the coming days. Please make a separate pile for construction debris and one for vegetative material. Debris placed in the right of way does not have to be bundled or bagged.

The Point of Distribution located in the Publix Parking lot will be closed at the end of business today.

For additional information and details on Hurricane Helene Recovery efforts visit the Town's website at www.longboatkey.org or our social media accounts. For additional repair or rebuilding info, please visit the Town's [Post Hurricane Helene Building Permitting Information webpage](#)

Thank you!