

HELENE/MILTON UPDATE 10/17

(Please see previous updates for additional important information)

All updates available on townofnrb.com

Town Hall

Our phones are now working so if you have any questions or concerns, please call, email us or stop by.

We also have internet back so our guest wi-fi is up and working and extends to our parking lot in case you need to log in.

Debris

You have probably noticed that the appliances have not been picked up. These will be collected in a later run as they have to go to a separate dump site than the regular debris.

The trucks are close to completing their first run on 173rd, Kennedy, Rosa Lee and Dolphin Dr. As they are working their way south, they should begin on North Bath Club Blvd late today or tomorrow.

Updated reports on the amount of debris removed and a map of completed removal locations are on our website. Please check there for the latest on the project.

Last Call on Debris

As a reminder, after the first run (one trip on each of our residential streets) is complete, there will be a pause next week to allow everyone to place any remaining debris curbside. The second run is expected to begin the weekend of the 26th. This will most likely be the final run so any debris after this point will be the responsibility of the homeowner to remove.

Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water has been turned off throughout the town due to numerous water breaks. It will be turned on once debris is cleared and the breaks can be addressed.

Permitting for Storm Repair

All permitting questions need to be directed to our building department at 727-202-6825, redington@safebuilt.com or in person at 17895 Gulf Blvd (the old Wells Fargo bank building).

If you received extensive water damage, please contact Randy Spears at (727) 589-7688 or via email at rspears@safebuilt.com to go over the FEMA 50% restrictions.

Tarps Available for Roof Damage

Pinellas County residents with roof damage from Hurricane Milton can get a temporary blue tarp to prevent further damage by signing up for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA's Operation Blue Roof program through Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Impacted residents can sign up online at BlueRoof.gov or by calling at 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258). You will need a driver's license or other proof of residency.

This program is for primary residences or a permanently occupied rental property with less than 50% structural damage. Vacation rental properties are not eligible for this program. Roofs that are flat or made of metal or clay, slate, or asbestos tile do not qualify. The roof must be standard roof shingles, or similar material that will allow contractors to nail the tarp in place.

Contractors will consider repairs to metal roofs and mobile homes on a case-by-case basis and will install the cover if possible.

Operation Blue Roof will remove homeowner tarps installed and minor debris to allow for proper installation. Any large items of debris, such as a tree, must be removed from the roof by the homeowner to be eligible for the program.

For more information on Operation Blue Roof, visit BlueRoof.gov.

Red Tide

A large bloom of red tide has been reported off our coast. The wind should remain offshore for the next several days. However, if you experience effects from the bloom, please contact the following resources:

For dead fish: <https://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/health/fish-kills-hotline/>
Respiratory Issues: 800-222-1222

Additional information on the health effects of Florida red tide can be found on the Florida Department of Health website:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic-toxins/updates-report-and-contact/index.html>.

Insurance Village

Below is information on Insurance Villages set up by the State. Our closest one is in Clearwater at the Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Rd. They are open 9:00 am til 5:00 pm.

Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Consumer Services is hosting four insurance villages in critical locations around the state impacted by Hurricanes Milton and Helene. The villages serve as an opportunity for policyholders to meet with their insurance carriers in person and work together to file insurance claims.

Policyholders should bring as much documentation as they can, including:

- A driver's license or other form of identification (Passport/State issued ID)

- Insurance cards and insurance policy information/documentation
- Pictures or documentation of the property being claimed as a loss resulting from Hurricane Helene
- Repair estimates
- Any additional insurance-related information that is readily accessible

Resources Available

For updated important information, please visit Pinellas County's Emergency Management website for a full list of resources at:

<https://pinellas.gov/emergency-information/>

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