

# HELENE/MILTON UPDATE 11/27

(Please see previous updates for additional important information)

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## **From Randy Spears**

The building official has informed us that after a delay in receiving the substantial damage estimates, they are now coming in again and 33 letters are being issued today.

He also requested we include the information below in today's update:

## **North Redington Beach Must Follow Flood Zone Rules When Rebuilding**

*~~Regulatory process benefits community, taxpayers & flood insurance coverage~~*

**North Redington Beach** ---- If the recent hurricanes caused major damage to your home and you live in a flood zone, there's a chance you'll have to rebuild to new flood safety standards. Figuring out *how* to do this and understanding *why*, can seem overwhelming, and SAFEbuilt is here to help.

We are currently in the process of determining if homes in flood zones are [substantially damaged](#). Our team will send you a letter letting you know. If your letter says your home is substantially damaged, you have till 06/01/2025 to be compliant, whether you decide to rebuild, demolish or appeal the decision.

All homes with substantial damage **MUST** be elevated, rebuilt to new flood safety standards or demolished for our community to be able to keep [National Flood Insurance Program](#) (NFIP) coverage and maintain other federal benefits.

NFIP rules are designed to reduce repetitive flood losses covered by taxpayer dollars while helping communities be more resilient. The [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) performs audits to ensure compliance. If we don't follow the process, North Redington Beach risks:

- Probation or suspension from the NFIP
- Loss of access to federally regulated mortgages

- Ineligibility for federal grants, funding and recovery assistance programs

In addition to complying with flood zone rebuilding rules, you must have the proper permits and should hire, if needed, a licensed contractor before beginning repairs. Our permitting techs are ready to help you navigate the recovery process.

### **Final Storm Clean Up**

LTS, the company doing the final tidying up of the town, started on Sunday and have had a busy week so far. The work will halt at noon today and resume on Friday. As they remove the sand piles along Gulf Blvd, you will see large amounts of sand accumulate in a couple areas. This is due to the dump site for this “dirty sand” only being open on Saturday and Sunday mornings. You will see the sand piles disappear as they dispose of it on the weekends (this may be delayed until next weekend due to the holiday). The company is also travelling our back streets. removing residual debris left from large debris piles and sweeping our streets and curbs.

### **Where can I find additional information?**

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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