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**Dear Bill,**

Clean up of the Village continues to ramp up as the debris pick-up is set to begin and more and more people are getting their power restored. Many local businesses have been able to re-open and the fuel situation has begun to stabilize.

We once again thank you for everything you have done to help us with our clean up efforts and appreciate the overwhelming amount of cooperation, patience and understanding we have experienced in the days following Hurricane Irma. We are grateful for the way our community has responded and worked together to help get life in Palm Springs back to normal.

# Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

**DEBRIS SEPARATION**  
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

**DO NOT STACK OR LEAN**  
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

**UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?**  
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

**NO PICKUP ZONE**  
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

**Normal Household Trash**  
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

**VEGETATIVE DEBRIS**

- Leaves (do not put in bags)
- Logs
- Plants
- Tree branches

**CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS**

- Building materials
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

**APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS**

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers, dryers
- Water heaters

**ELECTRONICS**

- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Other devices with a cord

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

- Cleaning supplies
- Batteries
- Lawn chemicals
- Oils
- Oil-based paints and stains
- Pesticides

For more information contact your local government.

We were notified from our contracted debris hauler that they would be mobilized and begin the process of picking up debris **starting tomorrow (Friday, September 15th)**. They will be **working 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset cleaning up the debris from the public right-of-ways**. We anticipate the need for multiple passes by the hauler in the Village, so if there is more debris after they pick up at your house, continue to bring it out to the swale for the next pass until it is all hauled away.

Please follow the instructions above to make sure your debris gets picked up in a timely manner. Please do not co-mingle the different types of debris as this will prevent our contractors from picking up items from the swale. **Bagged clippings need to be placed with your regular garbage totes as our normal refuse provider Republic Services will continue to pick up the bagged vegetation.** Thank you very much for your cooperation and we work together to clean up after this powerful storm.

## ***Governor Scott has activated The Florida Disaster Fund***

Florida Governor Rick Scott has activated the State of Florida's official private fund established to assist Florida's communities as they respond to and recover during times of emergency or disaster. The Florida Disaster Fund distributes funds to **service organizations that will serve individuals within their communities with disaster response and recovery**. Individuals seeking financial assistance should register with FEMA at 800-621-FEMA or [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)

## ***FEMA Individual Aid Applications Available***

If you suffered structural damage to your residence, as a result of Hurricane Irma, that is not covered by your insurance policy, FEMA is accepting applications for federal disaster assistance.

Visit the [FEMA website to apply](#) for federal aid. You must first confirm that the Village has identified your property on the Damage Assessment Report that is being filed with FEMA.

## ***Curfew Lifted in Palm Beach County***

Palm Beach County has **lifted the curfew** as of Thursday, September 14th.

We do continue to remind everyone to be very careful on the roads as there are still many traffic lights out as well as downed power lines. Please treat an intersection as a 4-way stop when the traffic lights are out.

## ***Jobs Available to Help with Hurricane Clean Up***

The Solid Waste Authority's debris management consultant, [Thompson Consulting Services](#), is looking to hire Hurricane Debris Removal Monitors. Interested parties can [complete the application online](#).

## ***State, Federal Disaster Loan Programs Activated to Aid Businesses Impacted by Hurricane Irma***

Florida businesses impacted by Hurricane Irma may now apply for various state and federal disaster loan programs. As a principal responder in the state's Emergency Support Function for Business and Industry, the Florida SBDC Network stands ready to assist businesses with disaster loan applications and with other post-disaster challenges.

### **State Assistance**

Today, Governor Scott activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to provide short-term, interest-free loans to businesses damaged by the storm.

### ***Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program***

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in partnership with the Florida SBDC Network and Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC), the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan helps businesses bridge the gap between the time damage is incurred and when a business secures other financial resources, including payment of insurance claims or longer-term Small Business Administration loans. Up to \$10 million has been allocated for the program.

Under the program, eligible small businesses in all 67 Florida counties with two to 100 employees may apply for short-term, interest-free loans for \$1,000 to \$25,000 for 90 or 180-

day terms. To be eligible, a business must have been established prior to September 4, 2017, and demonstrate economic injury or physical damage as a result of Hurricane Irma.

To Apply for a Bridge Loan, visit [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org) for more information and to apply for the Florida Emergency Bridge Loan program. **The deadline to apply is October 31, 2017.**

### **Federal Assistance**

Following President Trump's major disaster declaration, impacted businesses may now apply for low-interest loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Through the declaration, businesses and nonprofits in Palm Beach County are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA.

#### **Business Physical Disaster Loan Program**

Business Physical Disaster Loans are intended to help repair or replace disaster-damaged property. Businesses and nonprofit organizations may apply for up to \$2 million to repair or replace property, including real estate, equipment, inventory, machinery, and other business assets.

#### **Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program**

Businesses may apply for up to \$2 million for working capital through the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, nonprofit organizations meet financial obligations and operating expenses through the disaster recovery period.

Interest rates are as low as 3.305 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for nonprofit organizations. The SBA customizes loan amounts and terms up to a maximum of 30 years for each applicant.

Applicants may also be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages to protect property from future damage, including adding a safe room or storm shelter.

#### ***To Apply for Physical and Economic Injury Loans***

Businesses must first register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), or by mobile device at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov) or call the toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 TTY). Upon registration with FEMA, businesses may apply for a disaster loan a number of ways:

- Submit an online application at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>;
- Download an application from [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) and submit to a SBA disaster recovery center or mail to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155;
- Visit a SBA recovery center for one-on-one assistance; or
- Visit their local [Florida SBDC](#) for assistance.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **November 9, 2017**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 11, 2018**.

## ***FPL Update***

As of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, in Palm Beach County there are 131,170 customers still without power out of 739,000 total customers. **549,620 customers have already had their service restored.**

# Lake Worth Utilities Update

The Lake Worth Electric Service Territory covers 12.5 square miles and contains a total of 41 system circuits. As of Wednesday evening, crews have been able to re-energize 26 of these circuits, leaving 15 circuits left to energize. **Approximately 48% of the system has been restored, which equates to 12,589 customers. This leaves 13,821 customer outages.**

Today, between Lake Worth Utilities crews and mutual aid crews there were a total of 101 linemen and 8 tree crews (16 men), on the ground continuing to restore power,

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