

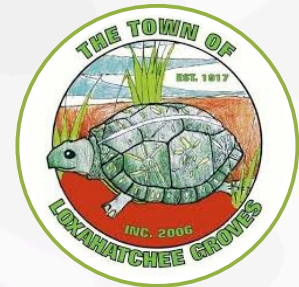
**CONTACT:**

Valerie Oakes, CMC  
Public Information Officer  
Town of Loxahatchee Groves, FL

**PHONE:** (561) 985-8265

**EMAIL:** [VOAKES@LOXAHATCHEEGROVESFL.GOV](mailto:VOAKES@LOXAHATCHEEGROVESFL.GOV)

**DATE:** OCTOBER 08, 2024 **TIME:** 08:33 A.M.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**HURRICANE MILTON UPDATE #2: TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES PREPARES AS STORM APPROACHES**

**Loxahatchee Groves, FL - October 08, 2024** – As of the 8 AM advisory, Hurricane Milton is currently located 545 miles ESE of Tampa, Florida, with Palm Beach County now under a Tropical Storm Warning. This means tropical storm conditions are expected within the next 36 hours. At this time, all Town facilities remain open, with staff completing final preparation efforts, including removing loose debris from all Town properties and installing storm shutters at the Public Works facility. Residents are strongly encouraged to finalize their preparations as conditions are anticipated to deteriorate throughout the day.

Town Management has taken precautionary measures by lowering canal levels to accommodate potential stormwater and will continue to monitor water levels throughout the Town. Residents are reminded to ensure swales and ditches in front of their properties are clear of debris to maximize water flow, and to verify that driveway culverts are free of obstructions to prevent water backup and minimize flooding. Clearing driveway culverts remains the responsibility of residents.

In the event of a power outage, residents should report directly to Florida Power & Light (FPL) using the following link:

<https://www.fpl.com/my-account/web-outage.html#wors/mainTab/phoneTab>, as the Town cannot restore power. For downed power lines or hazardous conditions, contact the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office or Town Hall. If available, Town staff will be dispatched to assist and ensure resident safety. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE DOWNED POWER LINES – THEY MAY BE LIVE AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.**

Coastal will continue with regularly scheduled waste collection for now; however, residents are advised not to place bulk items or yard debris at the curb, as these may not be collected and could become hazardous projectiles in strong winds. Secure all loose items on your property. At this time, all Solid Waste Authority (SWA) facilities remain open, and any changes to this status will be communicated promptly.

As we extend our thoughts to our neighbors to the West, please remember that this storm will impact our area as well. Stay safe, reach out to help your neighbors in need, and be prepared for increased traffic as those unable to travel north may head south in search of safety. Let's show our hospitality as others seek refuge from this dangerous storm.

After the 2 PM advisory, Town Management will make decisions regarding operations for Wednesday and beyond. Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Town Hall at (561) 793-2418 or submit a request through the Town's website at <https://www.loxahatcheegrovesfl.gov/RequestTracker.aspx>.

###