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HURRICANE MILTON UPDATE #5: TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES PREPARAATION AS STORM APPROACHES

Loxahatchee Groves, FL - October 08, 2024 – As of the 2:00 P.M. advisory Hurricane Milton is located 520 Miles SW of Tampa Florida. At this time Palm Beach County is under a Tropical Storm Warning indicating Tropical Storm Conditions are expected withing the next 36 hours. Lake Okeechobee is under a Hurricane Watch. Palm Beach County has issued evacuation orders of for residents of Zone a, those living in manufactured home or flood prone areas. Residents are encouraged to heed these orders and evacuate if you live in one of these areas.

Palm Beach County will also be opening 5 general population shelters, the pet shelter, and special needs shelter tomorrow. Please visit the County website for more information. At this time Town facilities are open until 5:00PM Tuesday October 8, 2024. Staff continues completing preparation efforts. All loose debris has been removed from Town facilities and shutters installed at the Public Works facility.

Town Management has made the decision that Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Thursday, October 10, 2024. A decision will be made on Thursday on reopening depending on damage assessment. A limited crew from Public Works will be in the Town on Wednesday in the event of any issues. All residents should have completed preparation efforts to a close as conditions will begin to worsen as time passes.

Town Management has lowered canals to storm levels and continue to monitor the flood waters throughout the town. It is important that all residents ensure the swales and ditches in front of their properties are clear and free of debris to provide for the maximum ability for water flow. Additionally, verify the driveway culverts are clear of debris to prevent water backup and unnecessary flooding. It is the responsibility of the residents to ensure their driveway culverts are clear.

Should you lose power, contact FPL directly at <https://www.fpl.com/my-account/web-outage.html#wors/mainTab/phoneTab>. The Town does not have the ability to restore your power. If a line is down or a dangerous condition exists, call Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office or Town Hall. If we have staff available, we will work to keep residents safe.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE ANY LINES ON THE GROUND!!! THEY COULD BE LIVE!

Coastal will conduct regularly scheduled pick up on Wednesday, October 9 but will not be picking up on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Thursdays pick up will be done on Saturday. DO NOT place bulk items or yard debris at the curb, they may not be picked up. Secure these items on your property as they could become projectiles in the coming winds. All SWA facilities are open but will be closed on Thursday October 10, 2024.

Should residents have any question or concerns please contact Town Hall at (561) 793-2418 or submit a request at <https://www.loxahatcheegrovesfl.gov/RequestTracker.aspx>.

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