

POST HURRICANE/ALL CLEAR

Keep abreast of the latest information through the local media.

1. Remember that “All Clear” indicates that the emergency or storm is over. It does not mean that you are cleared to return to your home. You need to listen to local authorities for authorization to return to a specific area.
2. The Manatee County Citizen Information Center can be reached at 941-748-4501 for local information and assistance.
3. Once you determine that you can go home, gather all your belongings, and clean the shelter area used.
4. Consider procurement of needed supplies and food before returning to your home.
5. Inform your next of kin of your return home and how you are doing.
6. Do not touch loose or dangling electrical wires. Do not turn the power on and report this condition to proper authorities.
7. Beware of outdoor hazards (Snakes, strayed animals, and other critters). Be alert for potholes, sinkholes, structural damage, etc.
8. Do not drink County/City tap water until official word comes that it is safe to do so. Use bottled water from the hurricane survival kit or purchase additional water if possible.
9. Guard against spoiled food. If there is any doubt, discard. It is better to be on the safe side.
10. Do not “sightsee”. This only hampers recovery efforts.
11. Report all unsafe conditions to the proper authorities.
12. If personal damage to your household goods is encountered, contact your insurance carrier as soon as possible.