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Hurricane Idalia aftermath: *Daily Update*

Thursday, August 31, 2023 – 3 p.m.

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – Tropical Storm/Hurricane Idalia impacted the Town on Tuesday, August 29, and Wednesday, August 30, with high winds, rain, storm surge, and localized flooding. Here are some things to know today about the Town’s recovery from Idalia.

- 1) The emergency sand berm on the beach that was installed after Ian did what it is designed to do. It limited the amount of storm surge that overwashed onto properties and Estero Boulevard.
- 2) Properties in the Town did not experience any water losses and there was not/is not a boil water notice in place. The water is safe to use and consume.
- 3) All streets are open and very few spots of standing water remain.
- 4) Earthview LLC is working on the stormwater drainage systems to clean them. If your street is still experiencing standing water, Earthview will get to it.
- 5) Lee County Waste Management is performing regular trash pickups today.
- 6) Sand that washed onto Times Square during the storm is being cleared. The Town is working to get it cleared before the upcoming Labor Day weekend.
- 7) No electricity outages were reported.
- 8) Internet service has been intermittent but usable. Comcast is working on this.
- 9) Bayside Park is still on track to open in September despite delays caused by Idalia.

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and is known for white sand, shell finds, and sunsets. The Town took a direct hit in September 2022 from Hurricane Ian, a category five storm, and is in active recovery. Many shops and restaurants are restored and open for business! The Town has been incorporated since 1995.

- 10) All Town facilities came through this storm relatively unscathed.
- 11) The Bay Oaks Little League Ball Field grand re-opening that was cancelled due to the storm is expected to be rescheduled. The Ball Field took on some salt water but is being flushed out with fresh water.
- 12) Use caution if enjoying the beach as there have been reports of random debris washing ashore, either leftover from Ian or stirred up by Idalia, and soft sand that can cause people to sink. The Florida Department of Health-Lee County has issued a [precautionary swim advisory](#) due to Idalia.
- 13) Keep up on the Town's news and information at www.fmbgov.com.

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