



HURRICANE IRMA

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HURRICANE IRMA STORM IMPACTS

City personnel will be completing another storm assessment today.

POWER OUTAGES

The City continues to work to restore power. We still have 50% of our customers, (2,000) households without power.

We are continuing to work in these areas:

Magnolia and St. Johns Avenues

Magnolia Point – Shinnecock and beyond

CR 209 Area

Hilltop near Highland and Oakridge Avenues

Reynolds Park

We cannot restore power in all sectors until trees are up and away from power lines and electric infrastructure is in place from storm damage. We have extra crews that arrived late last night from Alabama and were on scene early this morning, along with our City crews.

We are striving to have most of the City energized by Friday evening. There may still be isolated areas and we will continue to work on these neighborhoods until all customers are with power.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TRAVEL OVER DOWNED POWER LINES.

FLOODING

St. Johns Avenue still has some flooded areas. The Elks Lodge parking lot still has standing water.

WATER

This morning we experienced a water main break along the 500 block of Palmetto Avenue. City crews have responded to this incident.

DOWNED TREES & DEBRIS REMOVAL

The City lost a significant amount of tree canopy and we have been working to clear major arterial roadways, access to critical infrastructure, and neighborhood streets.

We were able to make progress yesterday on clearing trees from power lines and will continue our field work again today.

Debris removal from our customers cannot begin until next week as we must coordinate with the County landfill and debris removal contractors. You may place limbs in piles no larger than three by three by six (3 X 3 X 6) for pick-up as yard trash. However, any tree removal company that provides services to you must dispose of this debris. This will not be picked up by City crews/contractors.

Anyone who has experienced structural damage, should contact us so we can maintain a listing of unsafe buildings. As of September 12th, we have five (5) structures with damages, none severe, except for a mobile home on Olive Circle that may be vacant.

Our field assessments are reporting that trees are continuing to fall in various locations throughout our service area. This is likely to be an ongoing process over the next several days.

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

City crews have been monitoring lift stations and working to clear all lines. Some lift stations were impacted by localized flooding along St. Johns Avenue, as well as power outages in other areas.

We continue to respond to calls for service throughout the City.

CURFEW

No curfew is in effect this time.

CLOSURES

City Hall located at 321 Walnut Street will remain closed on Wednesday, September 13th and open for business on Thursday, September 14th at 7 AM until 5:30 PM.

Services will not be disconnected at this time for failure to pay a utility bill, since City Hall is closed. However, customers should visit City Hall tomorrow to pay their bill, if they are able to do so.

In light of the storm event, we WILL NOT disconnect any customers this week. However, we will begin a review of outstanding bills on Monday, September 18th. Accounts next week may then be subject to disconnection for non-payment. You are encouraged to either call or visit City Hall tomorrow, September 14th.

We have asked the Green Cove Springs Business League to postpone the Third Saturday Market in the Park scheduled for September 16th.

All City parks, Spring Park, Vera Francis Hall, Augusta Savage Friendship, and Augusta Savage Community Center will continue to remain closed on Thursday, September 14th until further notice.

Household Garbage service has resumed Thursday – Friday (September 14– 15) of this week. Recycling will not be picked up this week.

Debris removal may begin Monday, September 18th. We will need to coordinate this with the County landfill. The landfill is open today.

Shands Bridge remains open at this time; refer to Clay County Emergency Management for updates on its status.

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