

Electric

- Approximately 9,000 of 11,000 customers lost power Sunday night.
- By nightfall Monday approximately 7,000 customers were without power.
- The City employs three 4-man line crews.
- 100 additional linemen have been requested from outside agencies through the Florida Municipal Power Association (FMPA). Of those, fifty-one (51) linemen are arriving today and tomorrow from out of state (Georgia, North Carolina & Virginia) and will be deployed throughout Bartow beginning tomorrow. Additional out of state help is expected to follow.
- Restoration is a step-by-step process beginning at the substations, extending across feeder lines, through the distribution system and ending at the customer. Repair points along this path are numerous and labor intensive, thus the request for assistance.
- The feeders that sustained the lightest damage will be repaired and energized first. 11 of 17 feeders should be restored by the end of the day today (9/12/17).
- 1st priority – Essential services (hospitals, police, fire, emergency services).
2nd priority – Repairs that affect the greatest number of customers in the least amount of time.
3rd priority – Properties most distant from electric substations.
- Bartow Electric will attempt to give live updates daily between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on WBF Radio (AM 1130 and FM 102.9)
- It is expected that most customers will be re-energized within the next several days. However, distribution lines that have sustained greater than expected damage may require additional time to complete repairs.
- WARNING: WHEN POWER IS RESTORED, ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY AT THE TIME OF THE OUTAGE WILL RESUME. IT IS IMPORTANT TO TURN OFF ELECTRONICS THAT WERE IN USE WHEN THE OUTAGE OCCURRED (BURNERS, OVENS, ETC.)

Solid Waste

- Solid Waste collection resumes today (Tuesday) with Monday's normally scheduled pick-up beginning today and Tuesday's starting Wednesday.
- Solid Waste will concentrate on removing debris that is IN the roadway first.
- Roadside debris will begin to be cleared next Tuesday (9/19/17) at which time a big push will be made to clear roadsides as quickly and as efficiently as possible.
- Property owners with uprooted/downed trees are encouraged to cut and stack tree debris at the curb for collection with other storm debris beginning Tuesday, September 19th. Storm debris and trees placed by the curb after this initial collection may be subject to additional charges for collection and disposal.

Water

- There were 4 water main breaks in the City. Helen Circle (repaired), De La Palma (repaired), Sunset Ave (pending repair) and Kissingen Ave (pending repair). If they cannot isolate the leak and you are affected by a boil water order, you will be notified. Approximately 70 customers on South Kissingen are under a boil water order and have been notified.

Roads

- Approximately 90% of all City roads should be cleared and open to traffic by the end of the day today (Tuesday).

General

- Today (Tuesday) the City Commission is expected to extend the Emergency Declaration issued last week.
- Open burning is prohibited in the City of Bartow
- Bartow does not qualify as a POD (Point of Distribution) for emergency supplies (food, water, ice, etc.). The need for a POD is based on lack of infrastructure to support normal distribution of food, water or other supplies.