

*****New or Updated Information in Red*****

FEMA

- 102.9 WBF broadcast Lynn Kimbrough from FEMA today (9/14/17). She stated that they will have teams on the ground in our communities. Her suggestion is, if you have damage to your home, first call your Insurance Company to inform them of the damage and to minimize future damage as much as possible. You can visit fema.gov for helpful information and to apply for assistance. Their 1-800 line is 1-800-621-3362.
- FEMA has officially added Polk County to the list of Florida counties eligible for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (Categories A and B).

Electric

- Following the storm, one hundred (100) additional linemen were requested from outside agencies through the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) mutual aid program. On Wednesday, 9/13/17, fifty-two (52) of the 100 requested had arrived to assist City of Bartow crews with the rebuilding of our system. Forty-six (46) are from North Carolina and six (6) are from Virginia. On Thursday (9/14/17) six (6) linemen are scheduled to arrive from Alabama, twenty-one (21) are scheduled to arrive from Georgia and eight (8) are scheduled to arrive from Ohio. This will bring the total out of state, mutual aid assistance to eighty-seven (87).
- Areas Being Worked Friday, 9/15/17
East and West Main feeder work will continue.
McLeod feeder work will continue (Woodlawn, Parker, Floral, Plumosa). It sustained heavy damage.
Hwy 17 Top Feeder work will continue (CR 640, Brooke Rd and Alturas Babson Park Rd).
Hwy 17 Bottom Feeder work will continue around Polk County Jail.
Repairs on Airbase Circuit will continue (Gordon Heights, Bartow Airbase, Dietz subdivision, Peters Rd).
Crews will continue to restore lateral lines from Clower St, Wabash Ave, Lyle Parkway, Hwy 60 East, Crown Ave, E.F. Griffin Rd, Ivy Lane and Royal Ranches.
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Crews will begin work on lateral lines from Clower, Wabash and Homeland feeders.
Lines will be energized on 640 East toward Brooke Rd.
- Areas Being Worked Wednesday, 9/13/17
The 98 North Feeder – areas in and beyond the Meetinghouse were energized.
The McLeod Feeder – includes, but is not limited to Sunset, McLeod and Stuart Street areas. Some have been energized and work in these areas will continue tomorrow (9/14/17).
The Airbase Feeder – includes but is not limited to 91 Mine Rd, Gordonville and the Airbase. Most of these areas will be energized tonight (9/13/17).
The Hwy 60 Feeder – includes 80 Ft Rd and areas in that location. These areas have been energized.
- **By nightfall Thursday approximately 2,000 customers were without power.**
- By nightfall Wednesday approximately 4,000 customers were without power.
- 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.
- 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. 17 of 17 feeders should be restored by the end of the day today (9/14/17).**
- 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.)**

Updated Thursday, 9/14/17, 5:00 p.m.

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 13 water line breaks in the City. Most of these were due to trees uprooted during the storm; i.e., in essence, the roots tried to take the water mains with them, causing the break. Sunset Ave, McLeod Park, Kirk Rd., East Hooker, First/Gilbert, Lyle Parkway, Lakeview, E. Boulevard and De La Palma, Helen Circle, Dudley Ave and Meetinghouse have been repaired. Kissingen Ave should be completely repaired by tomorrow (9/15/17). 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 still under a boil water order at least through part of tomorrow (9/15/17) and have been notified. They will be notified again once the order is lifted.

Roads

- All City roads are cleared of tree debris, but a few are still closed due to downed power lines. Those without downed power lines are open to traffic.

General

- Carver Recreation Center is open regular hours for open play in the new gym only at this time. All activities will resume Friday, September 22
- Polk Street Community Center is open regular hours.
- Civic Center is being used for staging of out of town line crews. It is unavailable for public use until the crews complete their work.
- We anticipate most parks, fields and courts will open soon. We will update their status on Friday (9/15/17).
- Mary Holland Park will remain closed until further notice. Please do not anticipate using Mary Holland Park for several weeks. There is no current time table to reopen the park.
- Tuesday (9/12/17) the City Commission extended 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.