

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

**FEMA**

- Operation Blue Roof is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of FEMA. The purpose of Operation Blue Roof is to provide homeowners in disaster areas with fiber-reinforced plastic sheeting to cover their damaged roofs until arrangements can be made for permanent repairs. The Roof Blue program has been turned on for the following counties – Polk, Highlands, Hendry, Palm Beach, De Soto, Hardee and Glades. They are now taking Right of Entries in those counties to begin the process. The number to call for additional information is 1-888-766-3258 (1-888-ROOF-BLU) and the website is <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/BlueRoof/>
- 102.9 WBF broadcast Lynn Kimbrough from FEMA (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](http://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. As of Friday (9/15/17) ninety-nine (99) of the 100 requested had arrived to assist City of Bartow crews with the rebuilding of our system. Sixty-three (63) are from North Carolina, six (6) are from Virginia, five (5) are from Georgia, thirteen (13) are from Ohio, seven (7) are from Alabama and five (5) are from Oklahoma. Approximately 40 more out of state workers are believed to be headed to Bartow, arriving later tonight, to begin assisting the City tomorrow. If so, that would bring our total to one hundred thirty-nine (139).
- Day 6 – Areas Being Worked Saturday, 9/16/17  
It is anticipated that crews will be in every remaining outage area within the City's service area, at some point Saturday. These are primarily areas that were isolated and by-passed due to greater than average damage identified during the initial assessment. The goal is to energize as many of these customers as possible before nightfall Saturday (Day 6).
- Day 5 - 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.
- Day 4 - Areas Being Worked Thursday, 9/14/17  
East and West Main feeder work will continue.  
McLeod feeder work will continue. It sustained heavy damage.  
Crews will begin work on lateral lines from Clower, Wabash and Homeland feeders.  
Lines will be energized on 640 East toward Brooke Rd.
- Day 3 - 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 Friday (Day 5) approximately 1,000 customers were without power.**
- By nightfall Thursday (Day 4) approximately 2,000 customers were without power.
- By nightfall Wednesday (Day 3) approximately 4,000 customers were without power.
- Approximately 9,000 of 11,000 customers lost power Sunday night.
- By nightfall Monday (Day 1) approximately 7,000 customers were without power.
- The City employs three 4-man line crews.

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- 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 Thursday (9/14/17).
- 1<sup>st</sup> priority – Essential services (hospitals, police, fire, emergency services).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority – Repairs that affect the greatest number of customers in the least amount of time.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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, Meetinghouse and Kissingen Ave have been repaired. 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 WERE under a boil water order through part of the day Friday (9/15/17). THE BOIL WATER ORDER HAS BEEN LIFTED. There are no boil water orders in effect in Bartow. If you were one of the 70 or so customers affected by the boil water order in the South Kissingen area, make sure to dump your ice makers if they made ice during the boil water order.

### **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**

- The curfew that was implemented in Polk County on Tuesday has been lifted effective immediately as of Friday (9/15/17).
- The Bartow Golf Course's top 9 holes are expected to re-open Saturday (9/16/17).
- The Golf Course Restaurant is expected to re-open Sunday (9/17/17).
- 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.