

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

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 Wednesday, 9/13/17, fifty-one (51) of the 100 requested have arrived and are assisting City of Bartow crews with the rebuilding of our system. Forty-five (45) are from North Carolina and six (6) are from Virginia. Six (6) linemen are scheduled to arrive from Alabama tomorrow bringing the total out of state, mutual aid assistance to fifty-seven (57).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. **13 of 17 feeders should be restored by the end of the day today (9/13/17).**
- 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 13 water line breaks in the City. Sunset Ave, McLeod Park, Kirk Rd., East Hooker, First/Gilbert, Lyle Parkway, Lakeview, E. Boulevard and De La Palma have been repaired. Kissingen Ave, Helen Circle, Dudley Ave and Meetinghouse should be completely repaired by tomorrow (9/14/17). 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 and have been notified.

Updated Wednesday, 9/13/17, 5:00 p.m.

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

- FEMA has officially added Polk County to the list of Florida counties eligible for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (Categories A and B).
- City parks, including Mary Holland, Nye Jordan & McLeod are closed until debris removal is complete.
- 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.