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UPDATE FROM MAYOR BILL BARNETT

The precautionary boil water advisory has been rescinded for all water customers within the City of Naples. The beach has been determined to be safe for swimming. The Naples Pier is open to the public up to the concession stand.

Schools will be open Monday, September 25th. Please drive cautiously and be alert for children returning to school. Piles of horticultural debris may affect visibility so please drive through the intersections carefully.

Our pick up of storm debris will begin tomorrow. Please continue to pile storm debris next to the street and do not mix building materials with the horticultural debris. Building materials, furnishings, and carpets must be in a separate pile.

For property owners who must repair storm-damaged structures, we recommend that you do not pay contractors in advance or give them a deposit. Please do not pay until work is completed.

Solid waste and recycle collection has resumed to the regular schedule for residential and commercial properties. Please place garbage containers by the street.

Thank you for your patience while waiting for FPL to restore power. 98% of FPL customers in Naples have power as of this afternoon. Be assured that I, and my colleagues on City Council, will continue to let FPL know how dissatisfied we are with their restoration response and lack of communication with their customers.

The city's hurricane hot line, 239-213-IRMA (4762) will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to answer questions, including information about storm debris removal

I want to thank you personally for helping your friends and neighbors during these challenging times.

Storm Debris Collection

Normal residential garbage collection and recycling service has resumed but weekly collection of horticultural debris has been suspended in lieu of intensive collection of storm debris by disaster recovery contractors.

City disaster recovery contractors are picking up horticultural debris throughout the City and will continue until the job is complete.

Horticultural debris should be placed curbside as soon as possible and will be collected during the initial trip through your neighborhood. This is a significant undertaking as Naples was the epicenter of the storm. Residents are asked to be patient while this cleanup effort is underway. City staff and contractors are working hard to return the City to normal.

- *Do not block storm drains or sidewalks when you place your debris to the curb.*
- *Do not mix horticultural debris with construction/bulk items or it will not be collected.*
- *Do not pile horticultural debris near power lines, mail boxes, utilities or other obstructions.*
- *Non-horticulture (wood, metal, plastic, etc.) debris should be placed within 15 feet of the curb and away from horticultural debris.*
- *Cleanup priority is being given to areas where there are health and safety concerns or where power and utility service have been interrupted.*
- *The City will continue to pick up debris as soon as possible, there is no need to call the City or County.*
- *Please drive carefully around contractor vehicles.*