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FROM CITY MANAGER BILL MOSS

Post Irma - Day 3

To All Residents of the City of Naples:

Good morning from sunny Naples, Florida. The purpose of this message is to offer information regarding conditions and priorities.

For the many residents who left the city in advance of the Category 4 Hurricane Irma, we are pleased to inform you that you may return to Naples.

We expect that most streets will be sufficiently cleared of fallen trees and branches by the end of the day to allow access to residential and business properties.

We want you to know that the power outage remains in many sections of the city. Comcast cable TV and internet are out of service, and several cellular systems lost service but are beginning to resume.

Most business remain closed, although we expect some to open today, including Publix, Wynn's, Ace Hardware, and others. We expect many other businesses to open soon as electrical service is restored.

Please drive slowly and with extreme caution. Some traffic signals are out, and countless stop signs are down. Some streets remain blocked because of downed power lines. A few streets are flooded but generally passable, although any torrential rains may make them impassable.

The curfew remains in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

We are now entering the important phase of horticulture debris clean up.

We urge all residents to place landscape storm debris on the right-of-way as soon as possible. If residents act quickly, debris will be picked up at no cost to residents. Please inform landscape contractors that they may also place horticulture debris on the right-of-way adjacent to your property. The requirement that landscape contractors haul away your landscape debris is temporarily suspended to allow them to provide faster service. It is important that landscape debris is placed on the right-of-way now (not on the street) because debris removal contractors are mobilizing.

The city's information hot line is 239-213-IRMA (213-4762). Please call should you have questions. City staff will not be able to tell you when power or cable TV will be restored.

Be safe, and best wishes.

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