

LGI HURRICANE MILTON EDITION #1 10/14/2024

First, let me say that I am working on the computer with a generator and trying to get information out in a hurry. I apologize if things aren't "up to snuff".

Following are several bits of information to keep in mind.

- **SAFETY FIRST** Be careful on the island...glass, propane tanks, nails, debris, electrical wires, etc.
- Check for updates on LGI Homeowners, We Love LGI, and LGI Recovery Facebook pages
- Be aware of all types of scams; fundraisers, contractors, insurance adjusters, etc. Ask if you're not sure!
- Paths are non-existent, sand is everywhere
- As you get ready to demolish, please keep your debris in your yard so large vehicles can move freely throughout the island
- There have been some suggestions of government help, but nothing confirmed at this point
- Get your main power source turned off (see FB post below)
- Turn off your water at the meter box which may be covered with sand
- Use generator safety (see FB post below)
- Check on your neighbors and give them a hug or just listen
- Organize lane clean up events. Debris is everywhere and we all need to pitch in to do the job!
- HYDRATE, EAT, AND REST

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If you can help please say so

Fire is a major safety concern right now, if a fire starts is may (probably) not be extinguished.

There is a big ask to shut off main breakers to all structures on the island.

If you can take a section of the island and shut off the main breakers in that section, please let us know.

Please note: Main breakers are generally outside or under houses.

There is a huge concern that there will be fires if power is restored to damaged wiring.

If you know that an address has the power shut off, please let me know. You can also text 608 620 3960 and the spreadsheet will be updated.

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GENERATOR SAFETY

SAFETY FIRST

At this time we ask all residents of Little Gasparilla Island NOT to back feed generators to avoid electrical and fire hazards.

Do not wire your generator directly to your breaker or fuse box. The power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause severe injuries or even kill a neighbor or utility crew working to restore power.

Set it up outside at least 20 feet. away from all open windows, including neighbors' windows, to prevent deadly exhaust from entering a home or business.

Don't touch a generator if you are wet or are standing in water or on damp ground. This can cause shock or electrocution.

Use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for outdoor use. Always use a three-prong extension cord if the appliance has a three-prong plug.

Thoroughly read and follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid dangerous shortcuts and ensure the safe operation of your generator.

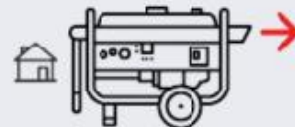
Portable generators are a temporary solution to power appliances when the power goes out, but if not used safely, they can cause injuries and/or death. Reduce the risk of injuries and death by staying informed.



Never run it in an enclosed space



Always run it at least 20 feet from your home



Always direct exhaust away from your home

EMERGENCY BOIL WATER NOTICE

Little Gasparilla Water Utility is currently under a Boil Water Notice. Water will remain on throughout the island, but it is NOT currently safe to consume. Please follow these steps:

- Run water from faucets for several seconds to flush any sediment or other contaminants from the plumbing
- Bring water to a rolling boil for 1 minute.
- Cool water down before using for food preparation, ice making or drinking
- Do not add bleach, chlorine or any other substance as a disinfectant to water to make it drinkable. This could be extremely hazardous to your health.

Please check your personal dock water lines and meters, if it is safe to do so. During our inspections on the island, if a leak was found at your house, we put a water valve on to stop the leak. Some meters are completely buried, but we did our best to check every house we could safely get to. We are hoping to be back to normal by Thursday, so please follow the above Boil Water instructions until you receive notification that a rescission has been announced. Please reach out to Ashton at 941-626-8295 for any water emergencies.

Gasparilla Marina is putting boats into the water when you arrive. Call ahead to let them know. Docks were being repaired, so this directive may change.

FB has been posting about getting green bags. Be on the lookout.

Post from Chief Bill on LGI Homeowners FB

Good afternoon everyone, currently I am coordinating with FPL, Emergency Management, FHP/DOT, Charlotte County Fire, Robert Hill, and a few more islanders while taking phone calls and responding to text as fast as possible, there is a whole lot going on I am not complaining by any means. We have more equipment enroute to help with roads more water and MREs enroute. I am trying to get information out and Willy is helping to do that as stopping to answer social media with still crummy cell service is not easy, not that it is not important to answer questions there is a whole lot more going on and I will answer what I can as soon as I can. I want to thank all who have been helping with breakers, water and mre distribution and getting information out during this time.

Thank you for understanding! We will get past this and move forward.

Post from Richard Leydon on LGI Recovery FB

If anyone needs help digging out their house or clearing debris, I have my excavators and loaders on island 941-662-5219.



Florida Highway Patrol is working on the roads to make them passable and safe.

THANK YOU!

Please contact me with any information that would be useful to post in the Telegraph.

Richard Leydon (president of LGPOA has approved this emergency issue)

Laurie Tremblay (LGPOA CT editor and District #1 representative)

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