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HURRICANE IAN RESOURCE LINKS

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CITY OF SANIBEL INFO

The **City of Sanibel** has published daily Facebook Live updates since the storm passed. You can find answers to commonly asked questions and updates regarding Sanibel in each video update. You can watch [online](#).

(<https://www.facebook.com/people/The-City-of-Sanibel-Florida/100068081412480/>)

City of Sanibel [press releases](#) discussing rules to accessing Sanibel, barges, contractor work, etc.

(<https://www.mysanibel.com/news-announcements/news/>)

Sanibel Recreation Center will be open FREE to the community with limited amenities Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Read more](#).

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Sanibel-Recreation-Center-Upcoming-Holiday-Hours-and-Program-Schedule.html?soid=1101365115513&aid=aEAAqgPVIFo>

CAPTIVA INFO

Captiva Island Storm Ready has a [list of resources](#) for residents of Captiva.

(<https://www.captivastormready.com/>)

LEE COUNTY INFO

Three Disaster Recovery Centers are opening in Lee County

- Beach Baptist Church 130 Connecticut St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
- Pine Island - Phillips Community Park 5675 Sesame Dr, Bokeelia, FL 33922
- Sanibel Community Church 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957

Lee County has published [press releases and updates](#).
(<https://www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/>)

Lee County Q&A can be found [here](#).
(<https://www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/QA>)

Lee County Property Appraiser offers a direct [link](#) to upload photos and other info of property damage and more post-hurricane [property resources](#) including info about Tax Roll Value Letters.

(<https://www.leepa.org/Membership/LoginForm.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMembership%2fActions%2fAddPhotos%2fAddPhotoForm.aspx>)
(<https://www.leepa.org/Hurricanelan.aspx>)



WHERE TO DONATE

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society is taking donations to help the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge [online](#), through [wire transfer](#), or by mail at OUR NEW P.O. Box 61249, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

(<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/webink/WebLink.aspx?name=E54182&id=12>)
(<https://dingdarlingsociety.org/downloadable-files/5fe37925de30f3964a420daa.pdf>)

Every non-profit organization on the island is going to need help during this recovery and it is our hope you choose those important to you. (FISH, SCCF, CROW, DDWS, etc.)



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HOUSING INFO

Florida Housing Finance Corporation has a [list of rental properties](#) for anyone who has been displaced. You can also contact them by calling 1-877-428-8844.
(<http://www.FloridaHousingSearch.org>)

State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program office may have [recovery assistance](#) to help with temporary relocation, rental assistance, debris removal, and/or home repairs.
(<https://floridahousing.org>)

SWFL Realtor Associations have collaborated on a [new website](#) that lists credible, open rental properties for anyone displaced from the storm.
(<https://hurricanehomes.org/>)

Temporary, mobile homes allowed in Lee County.
(<https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/lee-county/more-temporary-mobile-homes-popping-up-as-many-continue-to-recover-from-hurricane-ian>)

FEMA will provide [temporary housing](#) to those in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, and Lee counties.
(<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20221026/fema-provide-direct-temporary-housing-4-florida-counties>)

Lee County opens disaster assistance [applications](#) for State Housing Initiatives Partnership.
(<https://www.leegov.com/dcd/planning/ship>)

HOME & CAR REPAIR INFO

Flooded Home to-dos and next steps can be found in this [Daytona Beach News-Journal article](#).
(<https://www.news-journalonline.com/story/weather/hurricane/2022/10/03/fema-help-flood-house-flooded-hurricane-tropical-storm-ian-florida/8166242001/>)

US Army Corps of Engineers Operation Blue Roof
(<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/Blue-Roof-Information/>)

Report fraud to FEMA's toll-free Disaster Fraud Hotline 866-720-5721

Debris Removal Protocols are explored in this [NewsPress article](#).
(<https://www.news-press.com/story/weather/hurricane/2022/10/05/hurricane-ian-storm-debris-pickup-collection-what-you-need-know-fema-protocols/8185765001/>)

Hurricane-damaged car dos and don'ts.
(<https://www.news-press.com/story/weather/hurricane/2022/10/04/hurricane-ian-car-damage-what-experts-say-do/8174727001/>)

Debris and Boat Removal is offered by Florida State Emergency Response Team found [here](#).
(<https://iandebriscleanup.com/>)

UTILITIES, MAIL, PERSONAL, & BANKING INFO

U.S. Postal Service provided insight for those who need to [pick up mail](#), [forward mail](#), or [hold mail](#).
(<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/residential/welcome.htm>)
(<https://www.usps.com/manage/forward.htm>)
(https://reg.usps.com/entreg/LoginAction_input?app=HOLDMAIL&appURL=https%3A%2F%2Fholdmail.usps.com%2Fholdmail%2F)

Replacement Florida licenses, ID Cards, and Titles.
(<https://www.leetc.com/about-us/news/2022/10/03/replacement-fl-licenses-id-cards-titles>)

U.S. Postal Service [announced](#) the alternate location for the Captiva Post Office at the Fort Myers Processing and Distribution Center parking lot, 14080 Jetport Loop, Fort Myers, 33913. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/residential/welcome.htm>)

Comcast [announced dates](#) when service will be restored for impacted communities in SWFL.
(<https://www.naplesnews.com/story/news/columnists/in-the-know/2022/10/10/comcast-service-some-may-not-fixed-until-just-before-christmas/10462200002/>)

Island Water Association has info regarding water on their [website](#).
(<https://www.islandwater.com/>)



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FOOD & RESOURCES INFO

Gladiolus Food Pantry is providing [food and water](#) to all affected by Hurricane Ian. (<https://gladiolusfoodpantry.org/>)

NewsPress published a list of where to offer [time, money, food, and other supplies](#) to support hurricane victims. (<https://www.newspress.com/story/weather/hurricane/2022/10/03/hurricane-ian-how-help-victims-money-time-food-supplies-lee-county-fort-myers-cape-coral-sanibel/8166121001/>)

VisitFlorida assembled hurricane-related materials and can be found [here](#). (<https://www.visitflorida.org/resources/crisis-preparation/hurricane-information/>)

Emergency Resources are listed in this [NBC2 article](#). (<https://nbc2.com/news/local/2022/10/12/emergency-resources-available-for-swfl-after-hurricane-ians-impact/>)

Harry Chapin Food Bank is [distributing food and water](#). (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JfD0eRMnkjPDY0ST5WwiPNyjHQcbdFogQIXS3EnkGt8/edit#gid=0>)

GulfShore Business offers a variety of [links and resources](#). (<https://www.gulfshorebusiness.com/hurricane-help-local-resources-for-storm-recovery/>)

VOLUNTEER INFO

City of Sanibel is gathering information on people interested in volunteering when the time is right. If you are interested email volunteer@mysanibel.com. (<https://www.mysanibel.com/news-announcements/news/new-number-established-239-603-7261-to-contact-the-city-of-sanibel>)

VolunteerFlorida coordinates volunteers with [opportunities](#) around the state and country. (<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/>)

Southwest Florida Hospitals are asking for [donations of blood](#). (<https://www.naplesnews.com/story/weather/hurricanes/2022/10/04/after-hurricane-ian-southwest-florida-lee-health-opens-blood-donor-centers-nch-needs-platelets/8178066001/>)

LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lee County School District released back in [session dates](#) for 100% of the District's Traditional Schools. (https://www.leeschools.net/weather_watch)

FEMA, STATE, & FEDERAL AID

FEMA is offering [assistance](#). (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4673>)

Disaster Unemployment Assistance provides [temporary benefits](#) for those who lost their employment interrupted due to a major disaster. (<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>)

Florida Business Assistance through [floridadisaster.biz](#) is available. (<https://floridadisaster.biz/default>)



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MENTAL HEALTH

The Florida Department of Health and DCF have partnered with BetterHelp to offer mental health services through three months of free online therapy to those impacted by Hurricane Ian. To access these free services, Floridians can visit [betterhelp.com/voucher](https://www.betterhelp.com/voucher) and use code: Hurricanelan. (<https://www.betterhelp.com/voucher/>)

Division of Emergency Management has a list of [helplines](https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/recovery/disaster-mental-health-resources/). (<https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/recovery/disaster-mental-health-resources/>)

Colorado University Anschutz Medical Campus published mental health [resources](https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/hurricane-ians-reach-includes-a-heavy-mental-health-toll). (<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/hurricane-ians-reach-includes-a-heavy-mental-health-toll>)

Laborers' Health & Safety Fund of North America shares info about [PTSD and trauma after hurricanes](https://www.lhsfna.org/taking-care-of-emotional-health-after-a-hurricane/). (<https://www.lhsfna.org/taking-care-of-emotional-health-after-a-hurricane/>)

Seniors' Mental Health after the storm is a hot topic with [resources](https://www.fox4now.com/seniors-mental-health-after-hurricane-ian) being offered by Fox4. (<https://www.fox4now.com/seniors-mental-health-after-hurricane-ian>)

Hope Healthcare is offering [counseling](https://hopehcs.org/counseling/) virtually and in-person. (<https://hopehcs.org/counseling/>)

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) launched a Family Support Line: 888-850-SWFL

SAMSHA Disaster Distress Hotline, call or text 1-800-985-5990

FGCU Counseling Center is taking appointments mid-November 239-745-4777

First Responder Support Line 407-823-1657

ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER

University of Florida published an [article](https://ccs.eng.ufl.edu/what-did-ian-do-to-sanibels-water-wildlife-conservation-foundation-aims-to-find-out/) on Sanibel's water and wildlife after the hurricane. (<https://ccs.eng.ufl.edu/what-did-ian-do-to-sanibels-water-wildlife-conservation-foundation-aims-to-find-out/>)

News Press published an [article](https://www.newspress.com/story/weather/hurricane/2022/10/17/hurricane-ian-storm-surge-led-record-number-vibrio-vulnificus-cases/10518554002/) about the water quality and bacteria concerns. (<https://www.newspress.com/story/weather/hurricane/2022/10/17/hurricane-ian-storm-surge-led-record-number-vibrio-vulnificus-cases/10518554002/>)

How Wildlife Survives Hurricanes can be explored in this [article](https://newsadvance.com/lifestyles/or-love-of-nature-how-does-wildlife-survive-hurricanes/article_d21b25a8-4312-11ed-b41f-b71e90dd9c42.html) by The News & Advance. (https://newsadvance.com/lifestyles/or-love-of-nature-how-does-wildlife-survive-hurricanes/article_d21b25a8-4312-11ed-b41f-b71e90dd9c42.html)

Lessons from Hurricane Michael Being Applied to Ian Recovery can be explored in this [article](https://abc7.com/news/local/2022/10/16/lessons-from-hurricane-michael-being-applied-to-ian-recovery/) by Associate Press. (<https://abc7.com/news/local/2022/10/16/lessons-from-hurricane-michael-being-applied-to-ian-recovery/>)

Bacteria Outbreak and Florida's broken sewage systems are reported on by [Florida Phoenix](https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/10/20/bacteria-outbreak-after-ian-tells-a-scary-story-about-floridas-broken-sewage-systems/). (<https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/10/20/bacteria-outbreak-after-ian-tells-a-scary-story-about-floridas-broken-sewage-systems/>)



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Tampa Bay was drained by Hurricane Ian, Tampa Bay Times [reports](https://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/2022/10/19/hurricane-ian-tampa-bay-reverse-storm-surge-environmental-effects/) impacts.
([tampabay.com/news/environment/2022/10/19/hurricane-ian-tampa-bay-reverse-storm-surge-environmental-effects/](https://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/2022/10/19/hurricane-ian-tampa-bay-reverse-storm-surge-environmental-effects/))

Mangroves and beach dunes protected SWFL during the storm, [Fox4](https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/researchers-studying-how-much-protection-mangroves-and-beach-dunes-provided-from-ians-storm-surge/) looks into how much.
(<https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/researchers-studying-how-much-protection-mangroves-and-beach-dunes-provided-from-ians-storm-surge/>)

WGCU uses damage zone to improve [future hurricane forecasts](https://www.wgcu.org/news/2022-10-06/top-national-weather-service-meteorologists-scour-damage-zone-to-improve-future-hurricane-forecasts/).
(<https://www.wgcu.org/news/2022-10-06/top-national-weather-service-meteorologists-scour-damage-zone-to-improve-future-hurricane-forecasts/>)

SCCF and FGCU [report](https://www.sccf.org/news/blog/red-tide-blooms-as-research-cruise-ends/) on Red Tide Blooms after Hurricane Ian.
(<https://www.sccf.org/news/blog/red-tide-blooms-as-research-cruise-ends/>)

Florida Rivers were [swamped](https://www.tampabay.com/hurricane/2022/10/26/hurricane-ian-florida-river-flooding-impact-before-and-after-satellite-photos/) by Hurricane Ian.
(<https://www.tampabay.com/hurricane/2022/10/26/hurricane-ian-florida-river-flooding-impact-before-and-after-satellite-photos/>)

FWC and FGCU report on [Red Tide Blooms](https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/post-ian-nutrients-feeding-red-tide-and-other-algae-blooms-along-swfl-coastline/) along SWFL coastline.
(<https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/post-ian-nutrients-feeding-red-tide-and-other-algae-blooms-along-swfl-coastline/>)

Red Tide [update](https://www.nbc2.com/news/2022/11/13/red-tide-bloom-kills-fish-along-captiva-coast/) along Captiva coast.
(<https://www.nbc2.com/news/2022/11/13/red-tide-bloom-kills-fish-along-captiva-coast/>)

MISC INFORMATION

Sanibel Public Library is asking for photographs of either Hurricane Ian happening or post-storm damage around Southwest Florida. Please consider allowing Sanibel Public Library to archive these important images. Email Archivist Beth Jarrell directly at archives@sanlib.org.

Carbon Monoxide poisoning cases making [news](https://www.tampabay.com/hurricane/2022/10/21/hurricane-ians-invisible-toll-least-40-cases-carbon-monoxide-poisoning-confirmed/).
(<https://www.tampabay.com/hurricane/2022/10/21/hurricane-ians-invisible-toll-least-40-cases-carbon-monoxide-poisoning-confirmed/>)

LeeTran will provide [temporary ground transportation](https://www.captivasanibel.com/2022/10/21/city-leetran-partner-to-provide-shuttle-service-on-islands/) on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.
(<https://www.captivasanibel.com/2022/10/21/city-leetran-partner-to-provide-shuttle-service-on-islands/>)

FEMA looking to [hire more](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20221030/fema-hiring-local-residents-work-florida-recovery-hurricane-ian-federal/) than 300 jobs to jumpstart recovery.
(<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20221030/fema-hiring-local-residents-work-florida-recovery-hurricane-ian-federal/>)

Evacuations and what to consider when deciding from [Florida Weekly](https://fortmyers.floridaweekly.com/articles/deciding-evacuations/).
(<https://fortmyers.floridaweekly.com/articles/deciding-evacuations/>)

NOAA [Aerial Images](https://storms.ngs.noaa.gov/storms/ian/index.html?fbclid=IwAR1YYHcv7QQuemXps7Oih_NlvsjzTp20vs4_Y-BMUeUjt8SmH6Xue9_b1Jk#12/26.4312/-82.0816) and [Before & After Photos](https://www.fox13news.com/news/hurricane-ian-damage-before-and-after-maps/)

(https://storms.ngs.noaa.gov/storms/ian/index.html?fbclid=IwAR1YYHcv7QQuemXps7Oih_NlvsjzTp20vs4_Y-BMUeUjt8SmH6Xue9_b1Jk#12/26.4312/-82.0816)
(<https://www.fox13news.com/news/hurricane-ian-damage-before-and-after-maps/>)

Naples Police Department offered tips to [avoid scams](https://www.winknews.com/2022/10/09/naples-police-offer-tips-for-avoiding-post-ian-scams/).
(<https://www.winknews.com/2022/10/09/naples-police-offer-tips-for-avoiding-post-ian-scams/>)