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IRB CONTINUES TO RECOVER FROM HURRICANE HELENE & HURRICANE MILTON

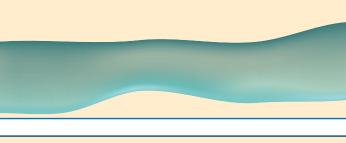
The City of Indian Rocks Beach Team continues to work with residents and businesses to recover from two historical hurricanes.

The City's website provides a variety of recovery information to assist residents with rebuilding efforts. The information can be found under the Hurricane Resource tab on the home page of the City's website.

City team members continue to assist property owners in navigating through the permitting process. The fact that the entire City is located in a flood zone complicates the rebuilding process.

The City employs twenty-six (26) dedicated team members. Every team member was affected by the hurricanes in one way or another. Several team members lost everything.

We want you to know that you are not alone in this trying time, and we are here to assist you. Many City Hall team members continue to be reassigned from normal duties to assist our residents with various hurricane related challenges. The City's top priority has always been our residents, and the efforts that our team put forth before, during and after two (2) life changing hurricanes shows their true spirit and dedication to IRB.



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FEMA - COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

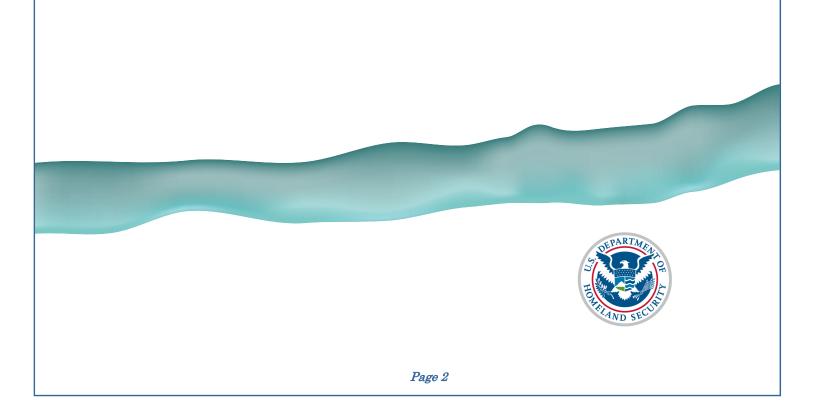
As our City continues to recover from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, it is important to remember that the City of Indian Rocks Beach continues to participate in FEMA's Community Rating System Program (CRS). The CRS'rewards those communities that participate in flood mitigation-related activities that exceed the minimum federal National Flood Insurance (NFIP) standards.

A flood insurance premium rate reduction up to 20% may be available to residents and business owners in the City. Check with your flood insurance agent to make sure you are getting the right CRS premium discount. Voluntary participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) saves flood insurance policy holders in the City more than \$597,000 in premium discounts annually.

It is important to note that a reduction in flood insurance rates is only one of the rewards communities like ours receive from undertaking the activities credited under the Community Rating System. Others include

- increased public safety •
- reduction of damages to property ٠ and public infrastructure
- avoidance of economic disruption and losses
- reduction of human suffering
- protection of the environment

If you don't already have flood insurance to protect your building and its contents (renters, take note!), please consider purchasing a policy today! Call your insurance agent or (877) 336-2627 to find an agent, and be sure your premium includes the discount, if applicable. Go to the website FloodSmart.gov for more information about flooding and flood insurance, and the City of Indian Rocks Beach website at Indian-Rocks-Beach.com and click on Flood Information.



BEACH REGULATIONS

•LEAVE NO TRACE

All items must be removed from the beach by 10:00 PM. Any items left after this time are subject to removal by the City.

•NO DOGS ALLOWED

Dogs are not allowed on the beach. Only service dogs are allowed on the beach. Service dogs are defined as an animal that is required due to a person's disability and has been specifically trained to perform a task. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are not considered service animals under the ADA. Misrepresentation of a service animal is a violation of the ADA as well as Florida Statute (Ord. No. 2020-09).



Marine turtle nesting and hatching occurs each year from May 1st through October 31st. Female turtles come ashore in the dark, dig a hole using their flippers, and lay 100 to 150 eggs at a time. During the course of a season, a single female lays three to eight nests. After a 45 to 70 day gestation period, hatchlings emerge from the nest at night and follow the moonlight reflecting off the Gulf. These turtles return to the beaches where they were born, sometimes decades before.





ALL PERSONAL ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED DAILY!





Leave only footprints No flashlights Fill in any holes

Don't touch

Hnock over

sandcastles

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