



## TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

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### **Ocean Ridge Post-Storm Update #12**

Our storm contractors have performed “first pass” debris removal, sand sweeping and other restoration activities from Irma’s impacts. Under Declaration of Emergency (Res. No. 2017-11) the Town Manager and Police Chief altered rules to expedite return of safe, restored conditions to our neighborhoods as quickly as possible. Small areas of difficulty exist but are being mitigated.

With a majority of the Town electric grid restored, increased activity is now being seen from Comcast, AT&T and related communication vendors as they work to return systems to normal. If you are still experiencing system outage issues, please utilize your service providers’ web portals or customer service lines to report specific problems that generate repair service tickets. Many repair tickets apparently get closed out by field technicians though other problems may still exist, so re-reporting issues to appropriate system providers is appropriate when problems persist.

#### **Important things to remember:**

- DO NOT cover stormdrains, swales and sidewalks with vegetative and bulk debris. Household trash, landscape trimmings, and construction debris must always be separated. We are returning to normal curbside garbage, recycling and bulk collection practices under our Republic Services contract. Debris piles improperly placed may not be collected and can generate code violations to the property owner.
- These storms should underscore how important regular landscape trimming and right-of-way maintenance are to speedy post-disaster recovery. While lush landscaping is beautiful and provides privacy between properties, it is also problematic when critical infrastructure and communication systems we take for granted come tumbling down. Locations in town still have landscaping encroaching in the ROW, or plant species under power lines and near drainage.
- The Commission recently passed 2<sup>nd</sup> read ordinance on construction & landscaping services (hours of use on noise-generating equipment, etc.) that restricts all such activities from 8am to 6pm Mon-Fri, and 8am-1pm on Saturdays, with no Sunday activity. Individually homeowners are exempt as restrictions apply to all commercial landscapers and contractor services. Visit the website for more details on the specific regulations at:

<http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/Ordinances/625.pdf>

Staff and town contractors are working cooperatively toward returning things to normal service. We are ahead of many neighboring communities in our restoration efforts and truly appreciate everyone’s cooperation and patience. Please let staff know if there are any issues requiring additional attention, or log onto the website and utilize SeeClickFix to report same

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