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Lee County reminds residents permits must be pulled for work due to Hurricane Helene damage

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 2, 2024 – Lee County Government is reminding residents in unincorporated areas to pull permits for work on their homes to fix storm damage caused by Hurricane Helene.

This is particularly important for unincorporated residents in coastal areas, along rivers and in areas that typically flood during weather events.

Permits for hurricane damage are being prioritized for review.

Any unincorporated Lee County residents or businesses within the Special Flood Hazard Area with any damage to their homes or businesses, including water intrusion, must obtain a permit for all repairs. Email FIRMinfo@leegov.com for assistance with permit requirements and resources, and be sure to include the following information:

- Contact information
- Property address
- Type of damage
- Height of the water that entered the home

Residents also can find more information at www.leegov.com/dcd/BldPermitServ/disaster-recovery or by calling 239-533-8948.

The Department of Community Development will be opening a temporary, remote permit office on Pine Island soon – like the county did after Hurricane Ian – for service for Matlacha-Pine Island residents to obtain permits for repairs to existing buildings damaged by Hurricane Helene. The remote location means staff will be readily accessible to help islanders navigate the permit process, especially those residents without internet service.

The location, days and hours will be announced soon. Monitor www.leegov.com/storm as well as Lee County's social media and local media outlets.

The county may add additional temporary, remote permitting office locations elsewhere in unincorporated Lee County as needed.

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