

## **Walton Board of County Commissioners**

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## WALTON COUNTY RELEASES INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS FOR REPAIR AND RESTORATION FOLLOWING HURRICANE ISAAC

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For More Information Contact:
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**DeFuniak Springs, FL...** In order to assist property owners in accessing their damage and the process on how they can move forward with repair and restoration of any damages to their property, Walton County is providing information that has been forwarded to them by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The information provided within this documentation does not eliminate the need for residents and property owners to coordinate the obtaining of required permits from the Walton County Building Department. All property owners who need to require a local county permit, or who may not be sure if they need to acquire a permit, should contact the Walton County Building Department at 850-892-8160 in Defuniak Springs, or 850-267-2084 for the location in the South Walton Annex.

Documents follow.

District 1: Scott Brannon District 2: Kenneth Pridgen District 3: Larry Jones

District 4: Sara Comander District 5: Cecilia Jones

## PUBLIC INFORMATION HANDOUT

As a result of Tropical Storm Isaac, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued an Emergency Final Order on August 27, 2012. The Order provides relief from the Department's regulatory requirements to minimize environmental hazards and accelerate restoration in areas damaged by the storm. This emergency authorization allows repair and restoration to begin immediately in the affected coastal counties.

A copy of the Department's Emergency Final Order can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems at (850) 488-7708, or from the Department's web site at: <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/</a>. The Emergency Final Order expires October 24, 2012.

The DEP's Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems has developed the following table to provide property owners with a concise explanation of activities that are authorized seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) in the Emergency Final Order.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES					
What	Where	Permits Needed	Conditions		
Removal of debris, sunken vessels, vegetation, and/or structural remains.	Debris that has washed into waters, wetlands, or uplands by the storm	USACOE Section 10, permit for activities within navigable waterways. http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/regulatory/applic.html	Beach compatible sand should be separated from the debris and kept on site, prior to debris removal. Removed debris must be deposited landward of the CCCL. (Note: these activities are usually sponsored and controlled by local and state governments on behalf of the citizens.)		
Repair of utilities, roads, and beach access points	Seaward of the CCCL.	Local government authorization. When work encroaches in identified turtle nesting areas, coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	All permanent repairs must conform to current state and Federal codes/standards. No permanent replacement is authorized.		
Return of sand to the beach and dune system, restoration of damaged dune system	Seaward of the CCCL.	Local government authorization.	Sand must be compatible sand from an upland source, both in color and grain size and free of debris. No sand may be obtained from the beach or below MHW, seaward of the CCCL.		

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Beach scraping	Beaches and dunes	Administrative permit issued by the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems.	Requires request by local government and assessment of beach conditions/sand availability.
Securing structures temporarily. Removal of safety hazards and the prevention of further damage or collapse of foundations	Damaged structures seaward of the CCCL.	Local government authorization. Check with the local building officials to verify local permit needs.	Permanent repair of foundations of major structures which have been substantially damaged, rebuilding major structures, or repair or construction of coastal or shore protection cannot be authorized.
Repair or replacement of components of major structures.	Exterior glass windows and panels, roof sheathing, studs and roof trusses	Check with local building officials to verify local permit needs.	To protect nesting marine turtles and their hatchlings, glass windows and doors that are visible from any point on the beach should be replaced by tinted glass with a transmittance value of 45% or less. Must comply with local building codes.
Repair or replacement of minor ancillary structures and service utilities associated with existing habitable structure.	Access stairways, stair landings, and on- site utilities	Local government authorization.	Repaired or replaced components shall not exceed the size of the original ancillary structure damaged or destroyed by the storm. Repairs or replacements of retaining walls, decks, and gazebos are specifically excluded.
Repair of surviving beach/dune walkovers.	Dune walkovers.	Local government authorization.	Provided repair allows for adjustments to be made to the seaward terminus of the walkover to accommodate changes resulting from poststorm recovery of the beach/dune system. The replacement of walkover structures is not authorized without a DEP permit.

What		Permits Needed	Conditions
Coastal Armoring	Repair or replacement of caps, return walls, tiebacks, individual sheet piles, and armor stone.	Emergency Field Permit issued by the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, and local building permits.	Complies with Rule 62B- 33.051, F.A.C. for minor reconstruction of coastal armoring.
	Complete or partial replacement or rebuilding of bulkheads, revetments, geo-textile bags or other rigid coastal structures.	Administrative permit issued by the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, and local building permits.	Complies with Rule 62B- 33.051, F.A.C. for major reconstruction of coastal armoring.
	New	Administrative permit issued by the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, and local building permits.	Complies with Rule 62B- 33.051, F.A.C. for new coastal armoring.

**Note:** All activities shall be performed using the appropriate Best Management Practices. For activities conducted in or discharging to surface waters, properly installed and maintained erosion and turbidity control devices shall be used to prevent erosion and shoaling, to control turbidity, and to prevent violations of state water quality standards.

## CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE BUREAU OF BEACHES AND COASTAL SYSTEMS

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

(850)488-7708 Main Office (850)488-5257 Fax

Division of Water Resource Management Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 300 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Tony McNeal, CCCL Section Administrator

(850) 921-7745

CCCL Permit Managers	Coastal Counties Served	Phone Number	
Fritz Wettstein, Environmental Manager	Statewide Permit Support	850-921-7780	
Michael Wetherington, Profession Engineer	Armoring Projects Statewide	850-921-7846	
Rolando Gomez, Engineer	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay	850-921-7841	
Valerie Jones, Environmental Specialist	Duval, Collier, Gulf, Franklin, Wakulla, and Monroe	850-921-7849	
Dr. Muthuswamy Subbuswamy, Senior Engineer	Charlotte, Pinellas, Lee, Manatee, and Sarasota	850-921-7821	
David Kriger, Environmental Specialist	St. Johns, Flagler, Nassau, Duval, and Volusia	850-921-7848	
Celora Jackson, Engineer	Broward, Dade, and Palm Beach	850-921-7757	

Field Representatives	Coastal Counties Served	Phone Number
Steve West, Engineering Specialist	Pinellas, Manatee, and Sarasota	850-488-7708
Jennifer Cowart, Engineering Specialist	Charlotte, Lee, and Collier	850-488-7708
Keith Davie, Engineering Specialist	Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla Counties	850-488-7708
Wesley Cich, Environmental Specialist	Volusia, Brevard and Indian River	850-488-7708
Reginald Bradley, Environmental Specialist	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton	850-488-7708
Mark Taynton, Engineering Specialist	Martin, St. Lucie and Palm Beach	850-488-7708
Trey Hatch, Environmental Specialist	Nassau, Duval, St. Johns and Flagler	850-488-7708
Walter Denis, Environmental Specialist	Broward, Dade and Monroe Counties	850-488-7708