



News Release

Escambia County
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Perdido Key Update

Perdido Key:

- **Effective immediately**, those residents and businesses that front Perdido Key Drive, from the Theo Baars Bridge south to Gulfside Villas, including Johnson Beach and Siguenza Cove areas, are not only able to begin recovery and repair of their dwellings, but may also move back into their dwellings as long as they have been approved to do so by the Escambia County Building Inspections Department.

- Those residents, on the eastern portion of Perdido Key, from River Road eastward (including the Theo Baars Bridge to River Road, Perdido Key Drive, Semmes Road, and Lost Key Plantation), **excluding** the portion of Perdido Key Drive west of Gulfside Villas, that have septic tank systems that have been inspected and cleared by the Health Department, and have had power restored, may also move back into their dwellings as long as they have been approved to do so by the Escambia County Building Inspections Department.

- Escambia County will build protective berms on three different sites of the beach on Perdido Key. These sites will not be in front of the State or Federal Parks. This berm has been approved by FEMA as part of a 5-year protective action plan.
 - As part of this action, FEMA has approved reclamation of sand from private property on Perdido Key. Only those properties where sand can be reclaimed will be cleared.
 - Right of Entry forms **must** be signed in order to have the sand removed.
 - It is important to fill out this form and return it as soon as possible. All right of entry forms must have an original signature (copies will not be accepted). Those residents/leaseholders/owners who do not sign a right of entry form will be responsible for cleaning their own property and will be subject to county codes.
 - Forms can be obtained as follows:
 - Perdido Key Citizens Information Center at the Old Eckers on Sorrento Road.
 - Forms can be accessed via the Escambia County website, www.myescambia.com.

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- Forms, bearing an original signature, must be mailed to Escambia County: County Administration, PO Box 1591, Pensacola, FL 32591.
- Consultants will take photos of all properties before any sand is removed to protect the property owner's interest.
- **Effective immediately and until further notice**, access on the temporary road between the Fire Station and Eden Condominiums is restricted to:
 - Anderson Columbia
 - DRC – Cleanup contractor
 - Utility Companies
 - Emergency Vehicles

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) states that this is necessary to allow Anderson Columbia to fix the roadway. Residents on the Westside of Eden Condominiums will need to enter from the Alabama Line. Residents east of the Fire Station may continue to access the Key via the Theo Baars Bridge.
- Residents and business owners will be allowed on the Key daily from **6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** to begin repairs, demolition or reconstruction with the proper permits.
 - Residents may choose to live in Recreational Vehicles (motor homes or travel trailers) that are completely self-contained while repairs are being done.
 - RVs must be located on the resident's property. They cannot be located on the right-of-way.
 - RVs and trailers may be moved on to the island on Sundays only to reduce traffic congestion.
 - Generators will be allowed, but must not be hooked up directly to the house.
 - Pick-up trucks and trailers to haul in supplies or personal property out will be allowed.
 - Debris cannot be placed on the right of way in such a manner that it covers water, electrical, cable, and sewer meters/boxes.
 - Residents must have one of the following:
 - A white hurricane pass currently being issued with proper identification at the Perdido Key Citizen Information Center at the Old Eckerds;
 - A yellow Perdido business pass, previously issued by the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce; or
 - A Perdido Key Association sticker, previously issued by the Perdido Key Association.
 - These passes make it easier for law enforcement officers working the checkpoints.
- Perdido Key has opened an Information Center, located at the old Eckerds, in the Food World shopping center at the intersection of Perdido Key Drive and Innerarity Point

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Road. Their phone numbers are 492-5177, 492-7359, and 492-4320, and their hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week.

➤ **Building Contractors**

- All licensed Building Contractors must have a decal to work on the beaches.
- Decals may be obtained Perdido Key at the Perdido Key Citizen Information Center at the Old Eckerds on Sorrento Road.

➤ **Building Permits**

- Escambia County Building Inspectors will be located at the Old Eckerds in the Food World Shopping Center on Sorrento Road to issue permits. Property owners and contractors can obtain building, electrical, and plumbing permits for demolition and reconstruction from 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. No one will be able to begin any demolition and/or reconstruction without a permit and only those areas that have been opened for demolition and/or reconstruction will be permitted.

All proper permits must be obtained before any work can begin. Areas will be announced as they are cleared

As conditions on Perdido Key improve, this access plan will be reevaluated and adjusted.