

Santa Rosa Island Authority
1 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

News Release

Pensacola Beach to Open Sunday

As of 6:00am Sunday, July 24, 2005, Pensacola Beach will open to the general public.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority wishes to thank the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Gulf Power, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority and all the other emergency personnel for their professionalism and assistance in getting Pensacola Beach open less than 2 weeks after a major hurricane.

Beach Access

- Casino Beach and Quiet Water will be open to swimmers and sunbathers, with Lifeguards on duty.
- The fishing pier remains closed.
 - Every attempt is being made to complete repairs in 30 days.

Gulf Power

- Power has been restored to both Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach.
- More than 150 crews on each beach worked to restore power in 14-days to an area damaged by a category 3 hurricane.
- The customer service desk at the Santa Rosa Island Authority office will be open Saturday, July 23 and Monday, July 25 from 8:30am to 5:00pm.
 - Gulf Power will evaluate whether or not there is a need to keep the customer service desk open after Monday.

ECUA

- All water, wastewater and sanitation services are operational on Pensacola Beach.
 - During the restoration process, the lines were flushed for cleaning purposes and most meters turned off.
 - Some sediment may remain in the lines and result in a temporary water discoloration.
 - Once water service is re-established, run water for 1-2 minutes to clean out any sediment or discoloration.
- When requesting the reestablishment of service, someone needs to be at your home when the meter and service are activated.
 - This is to prevent flooding and maintain safety.
- To request service, visit the customer service desk today, Saturday and Monday from 8:30am to 5:00pm at the Santa Rosa Island Authority offices.
 - Call (850) 476-0480 on Friday.
 - Call (850) 476-5110 on Saturday.

- While much has been accomplished in a short time on Pensacola Beach, there is still a lot of work to be done.
 - Please keep debris off of water meters, away from fire hydrants and other ECUA facilities.
- For additional ECUA questions, call the customer service division at (850) 476-0480.

Building Inspections and Permitting

- Contractors needing decals for access to Pensacola Beach can obtain a decal from Shoreline Park Athletic Concession Stand Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm.
- Residents and contractors can obtain permits and request inspections from Building Inspections at the Santa Rosa Island Authority Office Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Additional Information

- Debris collections will begin early next week.
 - Residents should place all debris just off the roadway. Not in the roadway.
 - Keep vegetative debris separate from construction and demolition (C&D) debris.
 - Allow a minimum of 10 feet from mailboxes, fire hydrants, electrical transformers and water meters.
 - When moving debris to the right-of-way, watch for low hanging power, cable and phone lines.

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