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## Press Release

### Potable Water Restrictions on Barrier Island

Please see below information released from Pinellas County Government regarding potable water restriction on barrier islands:

#### Potable water service to be restricted on barrier islands Wednesday

Pinellas County Utilities will restrict potable water service on the barrier islands beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from Sand Key south to Fort De Soto due to Hurricane Milton. Customers will experience very low pressure after this time.

This restriction will go into place following the full closure of the barrier islands at 7 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Oct. 8. Pinellas County is asking anyone who has not yet evacuated to do so now.

Potable water is being limited to protect critical infrastructure and reduce strain on our water and wastewater systems. County substations are still undergoing repairs caused by damages from Hurricane Helene.

This restriction will also affect water service to fire lines, which means fire rescue crews will not have quick access to water from fire hydrants in the event of a fire. Evacuees are advised to turn off the power to their homes before leaving to reduce the risk of an electrical fire due to flood inundation.

Pinellas County will continue to provide updates on potable water service and sewer service before, during and after the storm via email and text alerts to utilities customer account holders. For questions, please call Pinellas County Utilities' Customer Service line at (727) 464-4000. For important storm information and updates, visit [disaster.pinellas.gov](https://disaster.pinellas.gov).

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