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Lee County closing existing inland food and water Points of Distribution

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 12, 2022 – Lee County is closing the remaining food and water Points of Distribution (PODs) as water and power are restored, businesses reopen, and nonprofits reopen, making additional food and meals available.

The county will close PODS at 5 p.m. today at the following locations:

- Old Bonita Library, 26876 Pine Ave, Bonita Springs
- Cape Coral Leonard Street, 4820 Leonard St, Cape Coral
- Estero High School Ballfield Park, 9100 Williams Road, Estero
- North Fort Myers Recreation Center, 2000 N. Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers
- Fleamasters Fleamarket, 4135 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Fort Myers
- Veterans Park Recreation Center, 55 Homestead Road S, Lehigh Acres

PODs for food and water are typically established for five to seven days immediately following a disaster, such as a hurricane, to provide needed support to residents as stores and utilities are widely unavailable. Food and water PODs first opened in Lee County on Oct. 1.

The county will continue to work with its state and federal partners as well as its strong network of nonprofit organizations in our island communities to provide continued food and water supplies for residents as follows:

- Fort Myers Beach – adjacent to Town Hall, 2525 Estero Blvd.
- Pine Island – Beacon of Hope Church, 5090 Doug Taylor Cir, St James City
- Sanibel Island –
 - Sanibel Elementary School, 3840 Sanibel Captiva Rd, Sanibel
 - Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

Residents are encouraged to contact United Way at 2-1-1 or 239-433-3900 to be connected with resources. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Check www.leegov.com/storm for a list of food and water resources or follow @Lee County Government on Facebook, www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc.