

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Here's WAPA's Latest Hurricane Irma/Maria Restoration Update

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Here's the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's latest Hurricane Irma/Maria update.

ELECTRIC SYSTEM

- Emergency call centers will be activated in both island districts on Monday. The call centers will be the primary means by which residents can report service interruptions as reconstruction and restoration takes shape. The Emergency Call Center number on St. Croix is 340-773-0150 and on St. Thomas - St. John, the number is 340-774-1424. The centers will operate daily from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

- Members of the first off island restoration crew arrived on St. Thomas Saturday and began work on Sunday. The crew is from the Western Area Power Administration. Additional crews are expected over the next several weeks. Reconstruction and restoration work since Hurricane Irma on September 6 has been carried out by WAPA personnel and on-island contractors namely, Fortress Electric on St. Croix and Bryan's Electric on St. Thomas.
- Assessments will be made over the next several days to determine the extent of damage to WAPA's distribution systems. Restoration plans for both districts will be developed and made public once the damage assessment process is completed. The restoration schedule cannot be developed until the conclusion of the assessment phase.
- While damage assessment teams are deployed next week, reconstruction and restoration crews will continue work in specific areas in both island districts:
- On St. Thomas, work will be focused on the "A" feeders which run from mid-town to the west end. Over the next few weeks, crews will work on the paths of Feeders 6A to the west end, 7A to Estate Altona, 8A and 9A into Savan, all extending outwards from the Randolph Harley power plant.
- On St. Croix, crews will continue to work on re-energizing more areas in downtown Christiansted and in the town of Frederiksted.
- WAPA will be receiving additional inventory including about 1,300 poles in the coming week. This will augment the on island supply of electrical poles, cable and other equipment that the Authority has utilized to date in the restoration effort following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- WAPA continues to work jointly with Viya, the V.I. Waste Management Authority and the Department of Public Works on a clean-up initiative. This strategy is aimed at clearing the roadways of fallen cables, poles and other hardware and allowing both utilities to scrap the damaged equipment while the VIWMA gains access to public dump sites for regular waste hauling.

POTABLE WATER SYSTEM

- Both the Contentment & Richmond pump stations are on line on St. Croix. Potable water service is being provided to some locations while the Kingshill tank is gaining additional storage.
- Water service is available throughout Cruz Bay.
- Potable water service has been restored to all east end communities. Service has also been restored to the town district including Estate Bakkeroe. Crews continue to work to restore service to Government Hill, Estate Thomas, Savan, Bergs Home, and Contant Knolls housing community.

GENERAL INFORMATION