

## **Hurricane Nicholas Response Update**

### **9/17/2021**

As Nicholas breaks up over Louisiana, four days later, many residents of Freeport are still without power. But residents have done an amazing job of clearing their properties of downed trees and branches. Ashbritt, Inc. representative, Rob Rey, the city's emergency debris contractor, and city staff surveyed the debris that has already been set out and estimated the remaining debris to be set out this afternoon. According to Mr. Rey, we are looking at about 10,000 cubic yards of debris City-wide. The city has been working to identify a site to take all the debris for burning, and will be working with TCEQ on Monday to get a site permitted. Once they get started, Ashbritt estimates that it will take about two weeks to get everything picked up.

While many remain without power, according to Centerpoint, excellent progress was made today toward restoring service to customers. As of this evening, the number of customers without power in Freeport area was about 1,139, down from 1,750 yesterday, and 2,500 on Wednesday. Centerpoint and their outside contractors are continuing to work throughout the weekend, and Centerpoint plans to maintain 150 crews in the area for the next 30 days.

The City's Community Development staff has been meeting with residents and business helping to document property damage throughout the city. As of this afternoon, 132 properties had completed damage assessments using the Crisis Tracking system available using the QRcode below. If City Hall regains power over the weekend, we will discontinue the call center, but residents will still be able to report damage and can call 979-233-3526 for guidance.

Continue to monitor this site for updates as more information becomes available.

We greatly appreciate the character the residents have show in dealing with this crisis. Please continue to be safe and look out for your neighbors.

