

Hurricane Milton Kissimmee, Florida Damage

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Hurricane Milton struck Kissimmee on September 1, 2024, bringing heavy winds and rain, causing widespread power outages, structural damage, and debris cleanup challenges

Impact and Damage

Winds & Rain: Gusts reached up to 76 mph at Kissimmee Airport, with sustained winds of 50–60 mph for several hours

Structural Damage: Homes suffered roof damage, missing or lifted shingles, damaged flashing, and water intrusion

Some mobile homes were damaged

Power Outages: Many customers lost electricity; most outages were restored by Thursday night after the storm

Tree Damage: Large trees were uprooted, some falling on vehicles and power lines; debris from trees covered local streets

Flooding: Brief flooding occurred at I-4 interchanges with U.S. 192 and Osceola Parkway

Other Impacts: An EF1 tornado moved through eastern Osceola County, and elevated billboards were damaged

City Response

The City of Kissimmee activated its largest recovery team in history, with over 200 employees assessing damage, clearing debris, and supporting emergency operations

Debris Removal: Estimated at ~20,000 cubic feet citywide; crews prioritized high-debris areas, with FEMA approving 100% debris removal for 90 days

Permit Waivers: Kissimmee waived permit fees for roof and fence replacements and related repairs

Safety Reminders: Residents were urged to avoid flooded areas, treat downed power lines as live, and use protective gear during cleanup

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Community & Recovery Efforts

Local residents and volunteers assisted neighbors, and FEMA resources were mobilized

The city's self-report damage portal and insurance claim guidance were available to help homeowners document losses

Key Takeaways for Residents

Report damage via kissimmee.gov/selfreport and file insurance claims promptly

Check roofs for hidden damage; early inspection can prevent costly water intrusion

Follow safety protocols during cleanup and avoid flooded streets

Use permit waivers for storm-related repairs

