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## Hazardous Beach Conditions Persist After Hurricane Milton

**VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA** – The coastline remains a safety threat to Volusia County's residents and visitors. While people may be anxious to visit the beach to take pictures now that Hurricane Milton has passed, this is not the time.

Right now, the ocean is plagued with debris that can cause serious harm. The waves and currents can pull under the strongest of swimmers. Volusia County's Coastal Division has not had the opportunity to start removing debris from the beaches due to the elevated tide levels. If you choose to walk on the beach at this time, wear shoes to prevent foot injuries.

Residents and visitors should not cross barricades, fences, or gates for closed areas.

Some coastal structures, such as vehicular accesses and walkways, have been seriously compromised by the impacts of Hurricane Milton. The Coastal Division is working tirelessly to examine the structures' integrity and close unsafe beach accesses. Even though a structure may exhibit no visual signs of damage, there may be foundational or other underlying problems that may lead to a collapse. Again, this is not the time to visit the beach.

Beach Safety will be flying the red flag all weekend due to very hazardous rip current conditions.

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