



# City of Fort Myers, Florida

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Re: Cleveland Grove Utility Improvement Project  
Site address

Dear Property Owner/Tenant:

The City of Fort Myers recognizes the need to replace utilities in the Cleveland Grove Neighborhood where infrastructure has been in place for many years. Beginning this month, the City is scheduled to replace sanitary sewer and water main, install storm drainage improvements and regrade swales. The project also includes new sidewalks on the west side of Turner Street, the north side of Patrick Avenue, the east side of Kentucky Avenue and roadway resurfacing. Crews are expected to work during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The project is expected to be complete in Spring 2020.

## Construction – What to Expect

Initially, crews will video the area to document existing conditions. Prior to the start of construction, a survey crew will stake the right-of-way (ROW) line on both sides of the street. Look for wood stakes marked with “R/W” and a flag as these stakes will help you determine if you have personal property items (lighting, irrigation, landscape or decorative features) located in the ROW. The planned improvements will require removal of personal property items in the ROW. **All personal property items in the ROW must be removed or relocated by the owner no later than July 8, 2019. Any personal property in the ROW after July 8, 2019 may be removed and disposed of by the contractor.** Demolition will include removal of some asphalt roadway, personal property items, and driveway aprons within the ROW. Fences located in the ROW will be removed and permanently reinstalled at the ROW line by the contractor at no cost to the resident. Mailboxes may be temporarily relocated during construction and will be reinstalled during restoration at the end of the project. If you have questions about items in the ROW, please contact the City’s public information consultant for the project. Contact information can be found on the next page.

After the ROW has been cleared crews will begin installing sanitary sewer. Once all sewer lines are installed, they will be inspected and approved prior to individual connections. After individual sanitary sewer connections have been completed crews will then install the water main. Prior to crews completing individual water service connections, the new water lines will be chlorinated and tested. Timely connections to residential service lines will be made during construction to minimize interruptions. Storm drainage improvements will then be installed. Once the utility work is complete, crews will rebuild the roads, install sidewalks on one side of the road, and regrade swales. Finally, the driveway aprons that were disturbed will be replaced and the disturbed ROW will be re-sodded. Upon completion, a final layer of asphalt will be installed to provide a smooth finished surface.

### **Water Shut-off and Boil Water Notices**

Water will be shut off to disconnect services from the old system and connect services to the new system. Every effort will be made to keep this time to a minimum and in most cases will not exceed six hours. Immediately following the water shut-off, you will be required to boil your water until bacteriological tests have been taken and cleared. This boil water period usually lasts approximately three days. You will receive written notice of planned water shut-offs and water rescission notices that will inform you when the water is safe to drink.

You will receive advance notification of any planned utility shut-offs. However, please keep in mind old water and sewer lines could be damaged or disintegrate unexpectedly due to the heavy construction equipment required to replace the systems. Some of the old valves to the water system do not function properly and can be problematic in the case of a water main break. A very large portion of the water system may have to be shut down to make the repair. In this case, we have an emergency plan in place to notify you and will work to restore service as soon as possible. You may want to keep some extra bottled water on hand to use in case of an emergency water line break.

### **Access to Private Property for Driveway Tie-ins**

The City's contractor may need access to your property for driveway transition to new roadways. We will contact you to obtain an executed Temporary Right of Entry if work outside of the City's ROW is required.

### **Public Services (i.e., mail, garbage, Police/Fire/EMS)**

Once construction begins, the City's contractor will maintain public services such as mail delivery, garbage/recycle and bus services. Police/Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be notified of road closures and water shut-offs. If there is someone in your home that requires special needs transportation services, please contact the City's public information consultant for the project as outlined below.

### **Contact Information**

Please refer to the City's Utilities website located at [www.FortMyersUtilities.com](http://www.FortMyersUtilities.com) for construction updates. If you have questions about the project or issues during construction, please contact the City's public information consultant, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071 or via e-mail to [thayden@cella.cc](mailto:thayden@cella.cc).

Thank you and we look forward to rebuilding Fort Myers one neighborhood at a time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Moulton".

Richard Moulton  
Director of Public Works