

# Citizens Is Ready to Help: North Port Satellite Location

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Citizens Property Insurance Corporation is here for you during this time of loss and recovery. We are processing Hurricane lan claims as quickly as possible to help our affected policyholders rebuild their homes and their lives.

In addition to Catastrophe Response Center locations already in place in Port Charlotte and Fort Myers, Citizens has now opened a satellite location in North Port to provide additional options for policyholders needing to file claims in-person or seek other assistance. (Continue to further below for more information about this location.)

# Report a Loss

If you have or suspect you have any damage from the storm, report it to Citizens as soon as possible using any of the following options:

 <u>myPolicy</u>, Citizens' online policyholder self-service tool, provides a fast and easy way for claim reporting via a computer or mobile device. Registration is necessary.

It's easy to complete your registration for myPolicy in one of two ways: Select the **Register** link near the bottom of our website's *Login* page, or select <u>Register Now</u> on the right side of the *myPolicy* page on our website. You will need to enter your name, policy number, the email address on file with Citizens and the property ZIP code.

After logging in to myPolicy, select **Claims** in the light blue menu bar, and then select **File a Claim**.

Additionally, you can also view your policy documents and claims and billing information and make payments through your myPolicy account.

- Call your agent, who can submit a claim on your behalf.
- Call us. We're just a phone call away. Citizens' toll-free claims hotline is 866.411.2742 and is available 24/7.
- In-person: Because some of our policyholders are without phone and internet service, Citizens has set up a satellite location to best meet our policyholders' needs. The satellite location is staffed with trained claims personnel to assist you in-person with claims, answer your questions and offer general assistance. The location listed below is open at the following location and times:

North Port Satellite Location	Hours of Operation
Shannon Staub Library 4675 Career Lane North Port, FL 34289	9 a.m6 p.m. ET



*Note:* More locations may be set up in the future to better serve our policyholders in the affected counties, so see the latest information about all of our locations and hours of operation on the right-hand side of our <u>Catastrophe</u> <u>Response Centers</u> webpage and on our <u>Facebook page</u>.

## **Electronic Claim Payments**

Citizens now offers eligible Personal Lines policyholders an electronic claim payment option only at the satellite location via their U.S. bank account for additional living expenses.

To be eligible for an electronic claim payment, the recipient must:

- Be the named insured and/or additional named insured(s) on a Personal Lines policy
- Have a valid email account and/or U.S. mobile phone number

Location staff can help you with this option. You will need to know your bank routing and account numbers.

### Help Us Help You

Try to have the following information available when you call or come by:

- Your photo ID
- Your policy number
- Your contact information, including any temporary addresses or phone numbers
- Description of damage (example: tree fell on roof; lightning struck house)
- Mortgage company information (if applicable)

Don't worry if you don't have all this information. We still will be able to assist you.

To facilitate the claims process, keep detailed receipts and, when it's safe to do so:

- Take photos and/or video of property damage.
- Take reasonable emergency measures to protect covered property from further damage or prevent unwanted entry to the property.
- If reasonably possible, retain the damaged property for Citizens to inspect.

For our homeowner and dwelling policyholders (HO-3, HO-6 and DP-3), it's important to note that, except for the policy provisions regarding reasonable emergency measures, there may be no coverage for *permanent* repairs that begin before one of the following occurs:

- 72 hours after the loss is reported to Citizens
- The loss is inspected by Citizens
- Verbal or written approval is provided by Citizens

To learn more about reporting a claim:

- Go to the Report a Claim page of Citizens' website to learn more about the process.
- Review Citizens' guide to Reporting a Claim in 4 Easy Steps.

To check the status of your claim:

- Policyholders who are registered with myPolicy can view information about any open or closed claims, including their adjuster's contact information.
- Submit an inquiry via Contact Us.

Visit our Hurricanes webpage for more information.

### **Don't Sign Away Your Rights**

Be careful before signing over your insurance benefits to anyone. Some contractors may ask you to sign an assignment of benefits (AOB) contract before starting emergency repairs. You are urged to exercise caution before signing any documents that give your insurance benefits to someone else.

Please call Citizens first and see our Assignment of Benefits: What You Need to Know brochure to learn about the risks.

#### **FAQs**

Citizens has <u>FAQs</u> to address claim questions frequently raised by our policyholders after a storm, which are available under *Search FAQs* on our <u>Hurricanes</u> webpage.

#### **Stay Informed**

Citizens will update our Hurricanes webpage and our Facebook page as necessary.

No reply to this email is required; however, if you would like to reply to this email to request assistance for your policy or claim, please include the name of the policyholder, policy or claim number, and the associated property address in your response.

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