

Florida picking up the pieces after Milton: 11 dead, 3M in dark. Live updates

SIESTA KEY, Fla. – Hurricane Milton howled across the Florida Peninsula on Thursday, tearing a path of destruction from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic, killing at least 11 people and knocking out power to millions yet averting the “worst-case scenario” meteorologists, officials and residents had feared.

Milton did not go quietly, though, flooding neighborhoods, destroying homes, ripping the roof off a major sports venue and toppling a massive crane into an office building. Two deaths were confirmed in St. Petersburg and Volusia County, and one each in Polk and Citrus counties, as well as five in St. Lucie County on Florida’s east coast following tornadoes there.

Power outages inched higher during the day as the storm exited off the eastern coast of the state, and nearly 3 million homes and businesses were in the dark, according to [poweroutage.us](https://www.poweroutage.us).

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