

Town of Longboat Key:

As requested I have detailed (to the best that my memory could provide) the damage events that happened at 626 Buttonwood Dr., LBK.

No insurance claims were ever filed except for damage to our RV Van, which was through the vehicle insurance.

September 10, 2017 Hurricane Irma (We were not on LBK)

Lot of wind damage but no water damage. Fence destroyed and had to be removed. A lot of landscaping damage. Electricity out for a while so all food in freezer had to be thrown out.

November 11, 2020 Storm Eta. (We were on LBK)

House and garage were flooded. 2"-3" of water flowed through house and more in garage. Debris line showed water up 6"-8" around buildings. Buttonwood Dr. had 2.5' to 3' of water in front of our house. Most small items had been lifted off floor except for rugs.

Damage: one area rug thrown away; the other two cleaned; walls did dry out eventually.

RV Van needed a few thousand dollars to fix motors and tanks due to salt water.

Landscaping damage. A lot died.

Took a lot of time and effort to clean everything.

September 28, 2023 Hurricane Ian (We were not on LBK)

Only wind damage to fence and landscaping. Trees in back blew over and left huge root balls exposed.

August 29, 2023 Hurricane Idalia (We were not on LBK) I flew down to clean up

We had lifted most items off floors to minimize damage. Left refrig empty.

House and garage flooded. 3"-4" of water flowed through house and I think stayed for longer.

Damage: Bottom of closet doors warped; Baseboard pulled away from walls but eventually dried out; Refrigerator relay motor fried (repaired);

Dishwasher fried and needed replacing; lots of landscaping died; several items stored in garage had to be thrown out.

Took me lots of hours to clean everything up and dig out dead bushes. Still not done.

December 17, 2023 Storm surge (we were on LBK)

Buttonwood street flooded and water flowed down it from Gulf of Mexico Dr. in addition to coming from boat basin in front of our house and drainage creek in back of house. Water came in in several spots but because we were there we were able to mop it up as it flowed in and minimized damage to house but our bodies took a while to recover! :-)

April 11?, 2024 Water/wind surge Not sure of exact date (We were on LBK)

Water came from boat basin and came up driveway 15'-20' and the drainage creek in back of house flooded back yard. No water came into house or garage. No damage.

I hope this helps. We were able to minimize cost of repairs by doing the clean up and repairs ourselves. Each year we got better at leaving house and garage hurricane and storm/flood ready to minimize damage.

Questions please contact me.

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