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This week, I sent Consumer Protection investigators to Lee County to help those who may be encountering recovery-related scams or price gouging in the wake of Hurricane Ian.

Ian destroyed homes and displaced thousands of Floridians. Rebuilding in some of the hardest hit areas will likely take years and will attract workers from across Florida and beyond. With repair demands so high, often qualified contracts can be booked up for months—paving the way for bad actors and scammers to take advantage of the situation.

That is why it is so important that our investigators are on the scene to help Floridians who believe they have encountered a scam.

Our investigators are helping consumers file complaints and report suspicious activity, such as:

- Contractor scams for property damage;
- Fraudulent tree-removal operations;
- Fake disaster-relief programs not associated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
- High-priced tests of water mains and personal wells.



Additionally, our Price Gouging Hotline remains active statewide. Anyone that suspects price gouging, or a storm-related scam, can contact my office by using the [No Scam app](#), visiting MyFloridaLegal.com or calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.

Rebuilding will take time, patience and working together, but Floridians are resilient, and we will get through this challenging time.

Stay safe, Florida.



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