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Madeira Beach Maintains Focus On Red Tide

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – The sporadic nature of red tide continues to impact Madeira Beach and surrounding communities. Clean up crews from DRC Environmental and Lil'Mo continue to provide quick response cleanup efforts in the Gulf of Mexico and the Intracoastal Waterway and on the beaches as needed. Meanwhile, the latest water sampling test reports from Pinellas County Environmental Services confirm red tide remains in various and changing locations.

The latest forecasts through the weekend (Nov. 17th-18th) show winds out of the northwest which is good news for Madeira Beach as that pushes the red tide further south and out into the Gulf of Mexico . The cooler temperatures are also expected to help minimize the likelihood of a bloom outbreak. While the short-term future looks promising, City officials are taking nothing for granted.

"We are still dealing with the effects of red tide on a day to day basis, but fortunately we have more good days than bad," said Madeira Beach City Manager, Jonathan Evans.

The City of Madeira Beach and Pinellas County began planning a proactive approach on the prospect of red tide back in August as the bloom impacting counties to the south began moving north. Crews were ready when the first reports of fish kills arrived and fishing trawlers staged at Madeira Beach Marina were dispatched into the Gulf of Mexico to pick up as many dead fish as possible before they reach the beach. The proactive process has continued daily for the last three months.

The latest beach conditions are on the City's website, and the most recent red tide reports are available on these websites:

- [Visit St. Pete / Clearwater](#)
- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#)
- [Mote Marine Laboratory](#)

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