



## Hurricane Preparations and Precautions As Per The Florida Building Code



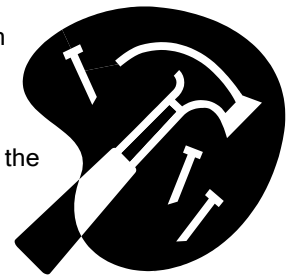
"Special Hurricane Inspections: During such periods of time as are designated by the National Weather Service as being a hurricane watch, all furniture, display racks, material and similar loose objects in exposed outdoor locations, shall be lashed to rigid construction or stored in buildings. The Building Official shall issue orders to secure all sites. Orders shall be oral or written and shall be given to any person on the premises most logically responsible for maintenance or by facsimile to the responsible entity if such entity is known."

"It shall be the joint responsibility of any owner of real property upon which construction is occurring, or any contractor responsible for said construction, to ensure that all road rights-of-way remain free at all times of all construction waste and trash resulting from such construction. After a hurricane watch or warning has been suspended, the City's Building Official shall give said owner or contractor reasonable time to clear the road rights-of-way of construction waste and trash."

"Notices issued by the National Weather Service of a hurricane watch are deemed sufficient notice to the owner of real property upon which construction is occurring, or any contractor responsible for said construction, to secure loose construction material against the effects of hurricane force winds."

"Pursuant to this section, it shall be a violation of this code for an owner of the real property upon which construction is occurring, or any contractor responsible for said construction, to have on that property loose construction materials that are not fastened or secured to the ground or any permanent structure. Materials stockpiled on top of any structure under construction shall be permanently installed by the property owner or contractor upon a hurricane watch; provided, however, in the event such installation cannot be timely completed, then the property owner or contractor shall:

- Band together the construction materials and fasten them to the top of the structure in such a manner so as not to present a threat of their becoming airborne during severe weather; or
- Remove the construction materials from the top of the structure and fasten down to the ground; or
- Remove the construction materials from the job site; or
- Store the construction materials inside an enclosed structure."



"From June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year (The National Weather Service designated hurricane season), building materials shall be loaded on a roof no earlier than twenty (20) working days prior to the permanent installation of those materials."

**For more information about Hurricane Preparations and Precautions, contact the Community Development Services Department at (954) 390-2180.**

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