



Community Development Department
Building Division



Construction Site Hurricane Preparedness Procedures

This checklist is intended to assist you in making your job site safe during a hurricane or tropical storm. Please follow these guidelines to limit construction materials becoming wind-borne debris and possibly causing damage to nearby property.

Preparations should be completed at least **48 hours** in advance of landfall of a hurricane or upon the issuance of a hurricane or tropical storm warning for the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

1. Site Preparation

- Clean and secure site of loose building materials to minimize flying debris.
- Tie down job trailers and portable structures (including toilets).
- Secure lids of dumpsters and other debris containers.
- Brace new landscaping.
- Remove sand /trash from roadway gutters and drainage systems.
- Secure sediment/erosion control devices to avoid sediment leaving the site during heavy rainfall
- Remove construction vehicles and equipment or move inside.

2. Construction Materials

- Band and stake down plywood, lumber, scaffolding, etc.
- All materials inside buildings should be banded together.
- Remove all wood scraps around trailers and the job site.
- Delay or postpone construction material deliveries.

3. Roofing Materials

- Do not load tile onto roof if it cannot be installed 48 hours prior to predicted landfall.
- Remove and secure roof materials prior to 48 hours prior to predicted landfall.

4. Structural building elements

- Shore up unsupported walls, frame or block.
- Inspect trusses to ensure anchors and hurricane clips are in place.
- Plywood not installed should be removed to the ground.
- Lower tower cranes if possible.
- Inspect tie downs on construction and sales trailers.
- Secure any antennas.

5. Windows and glass

- If possible, install panels over windows and sliding glass doors.
- Secure all windows and doors.