## BUILDING BLOCKS

## **Chinese Drywall**

The Collier County Building Department has received an increase in questions surrounding the substandard drywall or "Chinese Drywall". As a result we have developed a permit process to handle these scenarios.

- 1) Contractor/Owner applies for a demolition permit and removes all drywall and insulation and assesses the extent of the damage.
- 2) Contractor/Owner applies for a building permit. Application for the permit shall have a floor plan of the building detailing the extent of the repair work needed to include structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing etc. All work consisting of any fire rated assemblies shall have the appropriate UL assemblies or equal attached or shown on the plan. All fees shall be in accordance with the latest adoption of the Collier County fee ordinance.
- 3) Contractor/Owner shall make the required repairs using the appropriate sub contractors. A rough inspection for each of the trades involved shall be required to be inspected and passed before replacing the drywall.
- 4) Upon completion and having received a pass on the rough inspections the insulation may be replaced. When the insulation inspection has been passed the drywall may be attached.
- 5) After all repairs have been completed, the final inspections may be called in.
- 6) Upon approval of the final inspections, a Certificate of Completion will be issued for the property stating that all the repairs were made appropriately.

## **Notes:**

- 1) Any additional work performed in conjunction with this permit may require further plan reviews or inspections.
- 2) All work submitted shall be in accordance with the Florida 2010 *Existing Building Code*, unless deemed otherwise.
- 3) Depending on the scope of work, additional information may be required.