

Post-Irma Pool Barrier/Screen Enclosure Repair and Replace Policies

Many pool barrier and screen enclosures were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irma. To address this recovery period, the Collier County Building Official has established the following policies for the repair and replacement of these enclosures.

Please note that the repair or replacement of your pool barrier/screen enclosure should be a priority. Even a pool that is empty poses a life safety threat when there is no pool barrier in place. Until you can replace or repair your pool barrier/screen enclosure, a temporary contractor safety mesh can be erected. The temporary mesh may be purchased at your local home improvement store.

- No building permit is required for a pool barrier/screen enclosure that was **damaged less than 25 percent**.
- A building permit is required for a pool barrier/screen enclosure that was **damaged more than 25 percent and less than 50 percent**, however, it can be repaired to the Florida Building Code standards that were in place at the time it was constructed (same materials, loading, etc.).
- A building permit is required to replace a pool barrier/screen enclosure that was **damaged more than 50 percent** and the new pool barrier/screen enclosure will be required to meet the 5th Edition Florida Building Code requirements.
- No permit is required to re-screen a screen enclosure.

Building permits addressing damages due to Hurricane Irma will be made a priority. To apply for a building permit, visit the Growth Management Department at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida 34104 or the Immokalee Permitting Office at 310 Alachua St., Immokalee, Florida 34142. You can also apply for a building permit online at: <http://cvportal.colliergov.net/cityviewweb>.



If you have any questions regarding the level of damage to your pool barrier/screen enclosure or questions regarding permitting, please visit the Growth Management Department, address noted above, or call to speak with staff at (239) 252-2400. Residents of Immokalee can visit the Immokalee Permitting Office, address noted above, or call to speak with staff at (239) 252-5733. All permitting offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please be advised that permitted repair work and the construction of a new pool barrier/screen enclosure must be done by a licensed contractor or as an owner builder, as defined by Florida Statutes. Collier County

contractor licenses can be verified at: <http://cvportal.colliergov.net/cityviewweb> and State of Florida contractor licenses can be verified on the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation website: <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp?mode=0&SID>.