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Emergency Repair Work Permitting Update Post Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma has left many residents with damaged structures. Emergency repair work for the purpose of securing a building from the elements — such as enclosing doors, windows and placing temporary tarps on roofs — **does not require a permit.** All other repair work is required to have a permit. Applications for building permits are needed to complete the repair work done by volunteers, including non-profit agencies assisting residents, and must follow these guidelines as well. Permitted repair work must be done by a licensed contractor, or as an owner builder, as defined in the Florida Statutes. **Building permits addressing damages due to Hurricane Irma will be made a priority.**

If residents have any questions regarding the safety of a structure or if a permit is needed for any damage incurred, please contact the Growth Management Department from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday located at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida 34104 or call (239) 252-2400 and at the Immokalee Permitting Office at 310 Alachua St., Immokalee, Florida 34142 or call (239) 252-5733. To apply for a building permit online go to <http://cvportal.colliergov.net/cityviewweb>.

Also, residents are urged to use caution when hiring a contractor to perform work. Residents should make sure they hire a reputable, licensed contractor and are urged to hire the correct type of contractor specific to the type of work that they wish to have performed. Licenses for work are specific. Residents are encouraged to contact Collier County Contractor Licensing at (239) 252-2431 or visit <http://www.colliergov.net/your-government/divisions-f-r/operations-regulatory-management/contractor-licensing> before hiring a contractor to verify the company's credentials. For re-roofs please reference the governor's emergency order DBPR No. 2017-07396 (visit <http://www.flgov.com/2017/09/15/gov-scott-directs-dbpr-to-make-it-easier-for-floridians-to-rebuild-following-hurricane-irma/> for more details).

Any companies wishing to perform debris and tree removal services or basic landscape maintenance, are required to have an Occupational License.

Under Florida Statute, unlicensed persons who perform work during a declared State of Emergency are committing a third-degree felony.

Anyone having questions or wanting to report unlicensed activity should contact Collier County Contractor Licensing at (239) 252-2431.

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