



TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

STORM PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

- (1) **Weather emergency:** It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove construction materials from the project site or secure construction materials at the project site commencing with issuance of a tropical storm or hurricane warning announcement until the National Weather Service or National Hurricane Center has removed all portions of Lee County including the Town of Fort Myers Beach from those areas included in a tropical storm warning or hurricane warning.
- (2) **Declaration.** When the National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center or appropriate weather agency declare a tropical storm warning or a hurricane warning for any portion of Lee County, Florida, including the Town of Fort Myers Beach, all construction materials, including roof tiles, on all project sites within the Town shall be secured and stored onsite in a safe manner or removed so that no material can become a safety hazard with tropical storm or hurricane force winds and storm surges.
- (3) **Notice.** Media broadcasts or notices issued by the National Weather Service or National Hurricane Center of a tropical storm warning or a hurricane warning is hereby deemed notice to the contractor. The contractor is responsible for the project site by securing onsite or removing from the site any construction materials or debris to protect against the effect of hurricane or tropical storm force winds and storm surges. By holding a building permit during hurricane season, contractor shall monitor the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center for weather emergencies.
- (4) **Materials.** Materials at any construction site shall be handled as follows:
 - (a) Construction tools, materials, debris and/or any materials capable of creating a hazard during storm surges or by becoming airborne in strong winds shall remain secured and stored on the project site or shall be removed from the project site for the time period set forth in section (1).
 - (b) Construction Signs shall be removed until the time set forth in section (1).
 - (c) Portable Latrines shall be removed from the site or laid properly on their right side (looking from the front) to prevent waste leakage.
 - (d) Chain Barricades: chains, poles, and weights used to block off construction sites, vacant lots, and parking lots shall be removed as to not create a hazard during strong wind conditions and storm surges until the time set forth above.
 - (e) Silt Fence posts shall be secured 10 inches into the ground and silt meshing shall be a minimum of 4 inches below ground and properly back filled.
 - (f) Construction dumpsters and the debris stored inside them shall be secured with proper tarps strapped down at 2 foot intervals or the dumpsters and/or debris shall be removed from the site until the time set forth in section (1).
 - (g) Materials stockpiled on top of any structure shall be removed from the construction site; or the materials shall be stored inside a secure structure; or materials shall removed from the top of the structure and secured to the ground; or as a last resort, the contractor may band construction materials together and fasten them to the top of the structure in a manner to prevent the material from becoming airborne during a tropical storm or hurricane.