



Emergency Permitting Procedure

During a named hurricane or other declared emergency, property owners may immediately secure their structures to ensure safety and to prevent additional damage before applying for a construction permit. As soon as possible, Growth Management Department will post details about construction permitting on the online homepage <http://www.ocalafl.org/gm/> and at the office at 201 S.E 3rd Street, Ocala FL 34471. Or, call (352) 629-8421.

In general, post-hurricane permitting is streamlined to allow the replacement of existing structures with limited review. However, most construction is still subject to meeting updated building codes. Permitting of projects related to storm damage may be given priority over the processing of other work.

Summary of Emergency Permitting Procedure for Storm Damage Repair

This procedure is made available to home owners and contractors seeking building permits for storm damage repair as a result of a declared disaster. Home owners may perform their own repairs, however, anyone hired to do repairs for the home owner must be a **properly licensed contractor**. The home owner should contact the Ocala Contractor Licensing Office (352) 629-8421 **prior to hiring a contractor**, to assure the contractor is properly licensed to perform the work he is being requested to do.

BUILDING PERMIT PROCEDURE FOR MINOR DAMAGE **(damage total less than \$10,000)**

Permits for minor damage, consisting of roof covering, screen enclosures, wood decks, doors, windows, and other non-structural components may be obtained as follows:

A permit may be obtained upon the submission of an **itemized list** from the contractor or owner-builder stating the items to be repaired, with an accurate cost estimate of the repairs. It will be the responsibility of the owner-builder or contractor to request the required inspections from the City of Ocala Growth Management Department at (352) 629-8421.



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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAJOR DAMAGE
(damage total greater than \$10,000)

Permits for minimal structural components such as damaged glass rooms, trusses on single family houses, cladding (roof and wall sheathing) and non-structural components, including mechanical (air conditioning), electrical and insulation, may be issued to a contractor or owner-builder upon submission of an **itemized list. Depending on the extent of the damage, repairs may require plans signed and sealed by a design professional.**

MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

Building permits for collapsed roof systems, destroyed walls, foundation damage, damage to beams, and other major structural components, will only be issued upon submission of **detailed construction drawings prepared and sealed by an approved design professional.**

These procedures are designed to facilitate permitting during a major catastrophic event. These procedures may be subject to change, without notice, depending on circumstances which may occur during recovering from the catastrophic event.