



To all Construction Industry Partners:

The Atlantic hurricane season has once again arrived. While we have been spared significant damage from past storm events, we must remain diligent in our storm preparations to prevent possible flying debris/material from active construction sites.

Specific language from the Florida Building Code (FBC) relative to hurricane preparedness includes the following:

- **Section 118.1** of the Town of Indian River Shores Amendments to the FBC prohibits any adverse impacts caused by construction on adjacent properties and specifically references the storage of construction debris and materials.
- **Section 3301.2** of the FBC requires equipment and materials to be stored and placed so as not to endanger the public, the workers or adjoining property for the duration of the project.
- **Section 115** of the Town of Indian River Shores Amendments to the FBC authorizes the Building Official to issue a stop work order when work on any building is being done in a dangerous or unsafe manner.

Accordingly, every permit holder and subcontractor in the TOIRS must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. Upon issuance of a tropical storm or hurricane watch for our area by the National Weather Service, immediate actions should be undertaken to secure/prepare a project/site for the potential effects of a storm event. Ordinary activity may continue if these actions are being taken.*
- 2. Upon the issuance of a tropical storm or hurricane warning for our area by the National Weather Service, all normal construction activities are ordered to cease except for those activities directly necessary to secure a project or site in preparation for a storm event.*
- 3. All regulated work may resume once the storm has passed and the prevailing winds drop below tropical storm force (40 mph) at the site.*

Thank you in advance for adhering to the above guidelines. Please disseminate this information to all co-workers/partners so we can work together in eliminating potentially hazardous construction conditions. Hopefully these guidelines will not become necessary, and we will have an uneventful hurricane season. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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