



AFTER THE STORM EMERGENCY BUILDING REPAIRS

It is important to know the steps necessary to stabilize conditions and prevent further damage to your home and other property following a hurricane.



Survey Your Property for Damage and File a Claim

After the storm has passed and it is safe to do so, you should inspect your property for any damage. If you will be submitting an insurance claim, your adjuster will want to inspect the damage before a full repair is done. Be sure to take photos of all damage prior to doing any type of emergency repairs.

Also, submit the information through the **Broward County Home Damage Program** at <http://gis.broward.org/ReportHomeDamage/>.

If You Need Emergency Repairs Done to Your Home

Hire a licensed professional. Don't attempt to do a big renovation project on your own. Be sure they are properly licensed and insured to perform the necessary work in accordance with the Florida Building Code. Most repairs will require a permit and inspections by the City of Weston Building Department to ensure your safety and to maintain the integrity of your home.

What is a Non-Disaster Type Emergency Repair?

Some repairs may be classified as an "emergency" even if it is not related to a disaster. For example, if an air conditioning unit fails and there is a chronically ill person in the home that requires air conditioning. A new unit can be installed prior to a permit being received, but it must be done by a licensed professional, with a permit pulled and the work inspected after completion.

**Questions regarding building repairs and permitting?
Contact the City of Weston Building Department at 954-385-0500.**