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To: Residents and Contractors – City of Lighthouse Point
From: Code Enforcement Office
Subject: Hurricane Preparedness

The following procedures set out in the Florida Building Code – Broward County Administrative Provisions as well as the City Code of Ordinances are expected to be followed by both property owners and contractors during hurricane season:

- Dumpsters need to be emptied on a regular basis throughout the entire hurricane season. When a hurricane is forecast, schedule a pick up as soon as possible to assure that your dumpster will be emptied before a hurricane hits. If you cannot get a pick up prior to the hurricane, please prepare your dumpster as stated in FBC 109.12.2.2.
 - ✓ Debris in open containers shall be secured by weighting with sand, covered, lashed down or picked up by a container contractor.
- Remove or properly secure the following items against the effects of hurricane force winds: portable toilets, trailers, scaffolding and any other large items on job site.
- Wind screening on temporary construction fences must either be removed or rolled up and secured to the fencing.
- Pursuant to FBC 109.12.2.2, it shall be a violation for an owner of the real property upon which construction is occurring, or any contractor responsible for said construction, to have on that property loose construction materials that are not fastened or secured to the ground or contained in an enclosed structure.
- Pursuant to FBC 109.12.2.2, loose waste and trash resulting from construction must be cleared from the site or kept within an area that is either wire-fenced or secured within an enclosed containment structure to assure that waste and trash does not affect adjacent properties.
- Pursuant to FBC 109.12.3, from June 1 to November 30 of each calendar year, building material shall be loaded on a roof no earlier than twenty (20) working days prior to the permanent installation of those materials.
- Pursuant to FBC 109.12.2.5, material stockpiled on top of any structure under construction and **within the 20 day allowable period** shall be permanently installed by the property owner or contractor upon a hurricane watch. In the event such installation cannot be timely completed, the property owner or contractor shall:
 - ✓ Band together the construction materials and fasten them to the top of the structure in such a manner so as not to present a threat of their becoming airborne during severe weather; or
 - ✓ Remove the construction materials from the top of the structure and fasten down to the ground; or
 - ✓ Remove the construction materials from the job sites; or
 - ✓ Store the construction materials inside an enclosed structure.

When a hurricane watch is declared, City personnel will survey the entire City to assure compliance of the above items as well as any other items that may affect the health, safety and welfare of the residents. If your site is not in compliance you will receive a notice to appear before the Special Magistrate or the Code Enforcement Board at which time fines may be levied against you or your property.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding the security of your job site, please feel free to call the Code Enforcement Office at 954-784-3409 or consult the Florida Building Code Section 109.12 (Broward Administrative Provisions).