

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hurricane Damage to Swimming Pool Barriers

Hurricane Wilma and Katrina have left a path of damage that is affecting thousands of persons. Many property owners have debris, fallen trees, and damaged or missing detached structures such as fences, masonry walls, pool enclosures and pool barriers.

Miami-Dade County staff must balance immediate life safety hazards with the extent of the damage in the area. We are sensitive to your losses however, for your individual protection and that of young children, the following missing or damaged items must be repaired as a priority:

- All swimming pool barriers such as a pool screen enclosure, fence or other approved pool barrier device that is required by Sec. 33-12 of the Miami-Dade County Code.
- If your swimming pool construction application was filed after January 1, 1998, you must additionally comply with Chapter 424.2.17 of the Florida Building Code.
- You must obtain a building permit in order to replace or install a pool barrier. A final inspection will be required as part of the Building process.
 - A temporary contractor safety mesh may be erected while the pool barrier repairs are made. Temporary mesh may be purchased at your local home improvement store.
 - Please note that your swimming pool poses a life-safety threat even if it is empty because a fall into the pool could severely injure or kill someone. Also, until the pool is functioning normally, please add chlorine on a regular basis to avoid the excessive growth of algae.
 - Building permit applications are available from the Building Department at 11805 SW 26th Street, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The telephone number is (786) 315-2100. Information about the permit process and a copy of a building permit application can be obtained from the Building Department website: www.miamidade.gov/bldg