MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HURRICANE DAMAGE TO SWIMMING POOL BARRIERS

After a hurricane passes and when local authorities say it is safe to go outside your home, your swimming pool safety barrier must be repaired or replaced as a priority. Please note that your swimming pool poses a life safety threat even if it is empty.

Until such time that you can replace or repair your pool barrier, a temporary contractor safety mesh may be erected. The temporary mesh may be purchased at your local home improvement store.

Additionally, if your swimming pool is not functioning normally, please add chlorine on a regular basis to avoid excessive growth of algae and mosquito breeding conditions.

You must obtain a building permit in order to replace or install the following types of pool barriers listed below and inspections will be required as part of the permitting process.

- Screen Enclosure
- Fence

Other approved pool devices such as removable child pool safety barriers and safety pool covers do not require a building permit. However, all pool barriers must comply with Section 33-12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. If your swimming pool construction application was filed after January 1, 1998, you must additionally comply with Chapter 454.2.17 of the Florida Building Code – Residential Pool Barrier Requirements.

For information on obtaining a building permit, please contact the Permitting and Inspection Center at (786) 315-2100 or visit us at 11805 SW 26th Street, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Additional information and permit application forms can be found online at http://www.miamidade.gov/permits