

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>

