



Emergency Permitting Procedures

Temporary Office Hours and Location Information Office Location:

Cape Coral City Hall: 1015 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral, FL 33990

Cape Coral Art Center: 4533 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral, FL 33904

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2022

Services provided for Permitting, Plan Review, and Building Inspections

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PERMITTING INFORMATION

The first phase of the Disaster Recovery procedure focuses on helping residents and business owners obtain the necessary permits and inspections to correct the damage to their current inhabitable homes and businesses, with expedited permitting and review. Permitting related to storm damage will be given priority over the processing of other work.

Work NOT Requiring a Permit:

- Removal of debris from on or inside a structure
- Minor demolition to prevent injury or prevent further damage to a building's structural shoring and bracing
- Replacement of broken glass within existing framing for windows and doors
- Repair/Replacement of soffits and gutters
- Roof Shingle replacement of 1 square of shingles (10ft x 10ft area or less)
- Minor non-structural repairs made to the exterior of structures
- Repair of minor water leaks that do not involve structural, mechanical, or electrical systems

The FEMA 50% Rule is still in effect and will be enforced during review.

Contractors and Owner Builders must apply in person at the Department of Development Services, Customer Services Division, located at the City Hall Permitting Office and the Cape Coral Arts Center.

These procedures are designed to facilitate permitting during a major catastrophic event. These procedures may change without notice, depending on circumstances that may occur during recovering from the catastrophic event.



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INSPECTIONS INFORMATION

It will be the responsibility of the Contractor or Owner-Builder to request the required inspections based on the approved scope of work. Contractors and owners using approved Private Provider Inspection firms to perform the necessary inspections and provide inspection reports to the Cape Coral Building Division should send their information via email to corequests@capecoral.gov.

Inspections must be scheduled if the work is in relation to Hurricane Damage by calling **239-574-0555**. **Other inspections should not be requested through this number.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will Phase 1 last?

Currently, 180 days.

How long will it take for my permit to be issued?

Most hurricane damage permits will be issued over the counter. We will make every attempt to review and issue permits in one to three days.

What if I have structural damage?

City staff will advise you on the necessary steps.

What types of payments are being accepted?

Fees will not be charged for damage-related permits.

What should I do about my existing Permit or Permit Application now that I have Hurricane Damage also?

These will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

What do I do if LCEC says I need a permit to restore power and cannot obtain a license?

The city's electrical inspector will conduct an inspection and notify LCEC in lieu of a permit. An after-the-fact permit should be applied for within 30 days. Send inquiries to jokapal@capecoral.gov.