Recommended Hurricane Preparedness Procedures for Construction Sites

A. This recommended checklist is intended to assist you in making your job site safe during a hurricane event.

B. Preparations must be completed **48 hours** in advance of landfall of a hurricane warning for Manatee County.

1. Site Preparation
   - Clean site of loose materials to minimize flying debris.
   - Tie down job trailers and portable structures (including toilets).
   - Secure lids of dumpsters.
   - Brace new landscaping.
   - Remove sand/trash from roadway gutters and drainage systems.
   - Remove construction vehicles and equipment or move inside.

2. Construction Materials
   - Band and stake down plywood lumber, scaffolding, etc.
   - All materials inside buildings should be banded together.
   - Remove all wood scraps around trailers and site.

3. Roofing Materials
   - Do not load tile onto roof if it cannot be installed 48 hours prior to predicted landfall.
   - Remove and secure roof materials prior to 48 hours prior to predicted landfall.

4. Structural building elements
   - Shore up unsupported walls, frame or block.
   - Inspect trusses to ensure anchors and hurricane clips are in place.
   - Plywood not installed should be removed to the ground.
   - Lower tower cranes if possible.
   - Inspect tie down on construction and sales trailers.
   - Secure any antennas.

5. Windows and glass
   - If possible, install panels over windows and sliding glass doors.
   - Secure all windows and doors.