

DBPR, BBB offer Disaster Preparedness Resources

DBPR and the Better Business Bureau joined forces to provide a one-stop resource page to help Floridians prepare for hurricane season. To access the page, visit the BBB website [here](#).



Additionally, DBPR recently released a comprehensive hurricane guide that covers hurricane preparedness, what to do as a storm approaches, disaster recovery and other helpful hurricane-related resources.

Read the guide [here](#).

Hurricane Season Begins Next Month

Florida Department of Emergency Management

The 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins Friday, June 1 and ends Friday, November 30. Do you know the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning?



Watch

Issued 48 hours before the anticipated onset of tropical storm-force winds.

Hurricane conditions are possible in the watch area.

It's time to trigger your family's disaster plan and secure your home and belongings.

Warning

Issued 36 hours before the anticipated onset of tropical storm-force winds.

Hurricane conditions are expected in the warning area.

Complete proactive steps now and determine the safest place to wait out the storm.

When a License Is Required...It Pays to Know

Before entering into a contract or working with a professional, ask to see their license or license number – then verify it at www.myfloridalicense.com or on the free DBPR mobile app, available on iTunes and Google Play.

Please report suspected unlicensed activity to DBPR. Call 866.532.1440, email ULA@myfloridalicense.com or use the DBPR mobile app.



Requires a License (For compensation)	Does Not Require a License (Regardless of compensation)
Build a carport or sunroom	Install a driveway or install pavers/tile walkways
Construct a roof	Install awnings that do not become a fixed part of the structure
Install a dishwasher (requires connecting to drinking water) or replace a hot-water heater	Add a water filter onto a faucet
Install a central air-conditioning unit (requires structural work and wiring)	Insert a plug-in A/C window unit
Clean central air and heat ducts (requires partial disassembly of the system, such as removal of air grills)	Change an A/C filter or cleaning ducts that do not require removal of the air grills
Repair or replace swimming pool pumps	Clean swimming pool
Perform plumbing work or irrigation installation that requires the contractor to connect lines to potable (drinking) water	Install an above-ground pool Install or repair irrigation systems that have a back/low preventer connected to a potable (drinking) water supply
Build a barn, metal building or detached garage	Install prefabricated tool shed less than 250 sq. ft. in size. <i>The shed may be up to 400 sq. ft. if it bears the insignia of approval from the Department of Community Affairs.</i>
Remodel a home that requires alteration or replacement of a load-bearing wall	Paint, install cabinets, wood or tile flooring and insulation
Installation or replacement of drywall if the contract also includes work on the load-bearing part of the wall, plumbing, electrical or air conditioning work	Installation or replacement of drywall if the contract does not include other work on the load-bearing part of the wall or any plumbing, electrical or air conditioning work