

Rebuilding After the Storm: A Guide by Holtz Builders

Your Partner in Recovery and Reconstruction

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1. Introduction

Natural disasters like hurricanes can leave devastating impacts on homes, condos, and businesses. At **Holtz Builders**, we understand the challenges of rebuilding and are committed to helping our community recover stronger than ever. With extensive experience in general contracting and storm restoration, we are your trusted partner in navigating the complexities of reconstruction.

2. Understanding Storm Damage

Storm damage can vary widely, from minor cosmetic issues to significant structural problems. Common types include:

- **Wind Damage:** Broken windows, damaged roofs, and fallen trees.
- **Water Damage:** Flooded interiors, mold growth, and compromised foundations.
- **Debris Impact:** Structural damage from flying debris.

Recognizing the extent of the damage is crucial for effective recovery and rebuilding.

3. Best Practices for Rebuilding After a Storm

3.1 Safety First

- **Avoid Hazards:** Steer clear of downed power lines, gas leaks, and unstable structures.
- **Protective Gear:** Wear appropriate clothing, gloves, and masks during initial inspections.
- **Professional Inspections:** Engage qualified professionals to assess structural integrity.

3.2 Damage Assessment

- **Document Everything:** Take detailed photos and videos of all damages.
- **Inventory Losses:** List all damaged items, including personal property and business equipment.
- **Structural Evaluation:** Have engineers inspect for hidden damages.

3.3 Insurance Claims

- **Review Policies:** Understand your coverage limits and deductibles.
- **Timely Reporting:** Notify your insurance company as soon as possible.
- **Detailed Claims:** Provide thorough documentation to support your claim.

3.4 Hiring Licensed Contractors

- **Verify Credentials:** Ensure contractors are licensed and insured in Florida.
- **Check References:** Ask for previous client testimonials or project examples.
- **Written Contracts:** Secure detailed agreements outlining scope, costs, and timelines.

3.5 Permits and Regulations

- **Local Permits:** Obtain necessary permits from the City of Fort Myers Beach and Lee County.
- **Building Codes:** Adhere to the latest construction standards and hurricane-resistant codes.
- **Environmental Compliance:** Follow regulations for debris disposal and environmental protection.

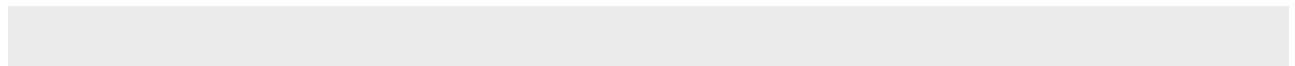
3.6 Quality Materials and Future-Proofing

- **Durable Materials:** Invest in high-quality, storm-resistant materials.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Consider upgrades that improve insulation and reduce energy costs.
- **Resilient Design:** Incorporate features that enhance structural integrity against future storms.

4. Resources Available to Assist You

Below is a table of resources from local and federal agencies to support your recovery efforts:

Agency	Resource	Contact Information
City of Fort Myers Beach	Building Permits and Inspections	Phone: (239) 765-0202 Email: permits@fmbgov.com
	Emergency Assistance Programs	Website: www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov
Lee County	Disaster Recovery Information	Phone: (239) 533-2111 Email: recovery@leegov.com
	Debris Removal Services	Website: www.leegov.com/recovery
State of Florida	Florida Division of Emergency Management	Phone: (850) 815-4000 Email: info@em.myflorida.com
	Florida Disaster Unemployment Assistance	Website: www.floridajobs.org
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)	Individual and Households Program (IHP)	Phone: 1-800-621-3362 Website: www.disasterassistance.gov
	Public Assistance Program	Email: femaregion4@fema.dhs.gov
Federal Government	Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans	Phone: 1-800-659-2955 Email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov
	IRS Disaster Relief	Website: www.irs.gov



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Florida homeowners and renters in counties who had uninsured damage or losses caused by Hurricane Milton may be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance.

Currently eligible counties: Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, DeSoto, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, and Volusia.

Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid:

FEMA Disaster Assistance



Online: www.DisasterAssistance.gov



Call: 1-800-621-3362

When you apply, have the following information on hand:

- The address of your damaged home or apartment
- Names of people living in your household
- A description of your disaster damages
- Insurance information
- Your Social Security Number
- A telephone number where you can be reached or left a message
- An address where you can get mail

- If you want your disaster assistance funds sent directly to your bank, provide FEMA your bank information

SBA Disaster Assistance Loans



Online: www.SBA.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance



Call: 1-800-659-2955

USDA - Agriculture Assistance



Online: www.Farmers.gov/protection-recovery



Call: 1-352-379-4500

Red Cross



Online: www.RedCross.org



Call: 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)

County Emergency Management Websites

[Alachua](#) | [Baker](#) | [Bay](#) | [Bradford](#) | [Brevard](#) | [Broward](#)

[Calhoun](#) | [Charlotte](#) | [Citrus](#) | [Clay](#) | [Collier](#) | [Columbia](#)

[DeSoto](#) | [Dixie](#) | [Duval](#) | [Escambia](#) | [Flagler](#) | [Franklin](#)

[Gadsden](#) | [Gilchrist](#) | [Glades](#) | [Gulf](#)

[Hamilton](#) | [Hardee](#) | [Hendry](#) | [Hernando](#) | [Highlands](#) | [Hillsborough](#) | [Holmes](#)

[Indian River](#) | [Jackson](#) | [Jefferson](#)

[Lafayette](#) | [Lake](#) | [Lee](#) | [Leon](#) | [Levy](#) | [Liberty](#)

[Madison](#) | [Manatee](#) | [Marion](#) | [Martin](#) | [Miami-Dade](#) | [Monroe](#)

[Nassau](#) | [Okaloosa](#) | [Okeechobee](#) | [Orange](#) | [Osceola](#)

[Palm Beach](#) | [Pasco](#) | [Pinellas](#) | [Polk](#) | [Putnam](#)

Lee County All Hazards Guide

<http://www.leegov.com/allhazardsguide>

Collier County Emergency Contacts

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/county-manager-operations/divisions/emergency-management/emergency-contacts>

5. How Holtz Builders Can Help

At Holtz Builders, we offer comprehensive services to facilitate your rebuilding process:

- **Expert Consultation:** Personalized assessments and recovery plans.
- **Full-Service Contracting:** Handling all aspects from demolition to final inspections.
- **Quality Craftsmanship:** Commitment to excellence in every project.
- **Timely Execution:** Efficient project management to restore your property promptly.
- **Customer Support:** Ongoing communication and assistance throughout the process.

Contact Us Today

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6. Conclusion

Rebuilding after a storm is a challenging journey, but with the right partners and resources, you can restore your property and peace of mind. **Holtz Builders** will provide expert services and guidance every step of the way. Reach out to us to learn how we can assist you in your recovery process.

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