



CCCL Post-Storm Public Information Handout

Emergency Permitting Guidance

The Department's Emergency Final Orders (EFO) provide emergency permitting guidance and procedures for post-storm recovery activities on public and private property seaward of a state of Florida Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) established under Section 161.053, Florida Statutes. CCCL emergency permitting procedures cover debris removal, minor repairs, major repairs, restoring beach access, placing beach compatible sand, coastal protection and temporary flooding relief. In this document, specific guidance for private properties is given for each post-storm activity, including a description of the work, location of the work, type of emergency permit, exemption or other authorization that applies to the activity, and the conditions under which the activity must be conducted. The state of Florida's regulatory authority over these activities is specified in the CCCL state law in [Section 161.053, Florida Statutes](#), [Rule Chapter 62B-33, Florida Administrative Code](#), and section C. 3 of the Emergency Final Order (EFO) issued by the Department for [Emergency Authorization of Repairs, Replacements, Restoration and Certain Other Measures](#) issued for each major storm.

The Department EFO for post-storm work seaward of a CCCL does **not** approve:

- new permanent structures that did not exist prior to the coastal storm emergency;
- installation of geotextile containers as the core of a reconstructed dune for the purposes of temporary armoring;
- beach scraping performed by itself or in association with any other activities; or
- harm to endangered or threatened species of wildlife such as nesting sea turtles.

For help understanding the limitations on work under the EFO, refer to the [Regulatory Tips](#) for *Coastal Construction under a Post-Storm Emergency Final Order* or for other questions reach out to the contacts listed below.

CCCL Emergency Permitting Resources

- CCCL Program: www.FloridaDEP.gov/CCCL; [email CCCL@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:CCCL@FloridaDEP.gov); phone 850-245-2094
- CCCL Program Administrator: Doug Aarons, [email](#); phone 850-245-7672
- Coastal Armoring Permits: Celora Jackson, [email](#); phone 850-245-7668
- CCCL Permit Managers: [contact information](#)
- CCCL Emergency Permitting Page: www.FloridaDEP.gov/CCCL
- [Guidance to Local Governments for Emergency Temporary Coastal Armoring and Other Measures Seaward of the CCCL](#)
- [Post-Hurricane Recovery Sand Specifications](#)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Imperiled Species Management Section, [website](#); 850-922-4330, marineturtle@MyFWC.com

DEBRIS REMOVAL			
Activity	Location	Permits Needed	Conditions
Cleanup and removal of upland storm debris	Landward of beach and dunes	No CCCL permit required	Separate sand from debris and keep sand onsite
Removal of storm debris, stranded vessels and navigation markers	Open sandy beach	No CCCL permit required	Use existing beach access Separate sand from debris and keep sand onsite No excavation or damage to dunes or dune vegetation allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings
REPAIR / REPLACEMENT			
Activity	Location	Permits Needed	Conditions
Shoring up damaged foundations with temporary piles, bracing or sand fill	Existing structures and buildings	Local building permit or CCCL Emergency Permit	Temporary measures only Sand must meet FDEP sand specs
Repair or replacement – non-structural (windows, doors, cladding and sheathing, decking and handrails)	Existing structures and buildings	No CCCL permit required	Follow building codes Use tinted turtle glass
Repair or replacement – minor accessory structures and service utilities (access stairs, landings, equipment pads, sewer, water and electrical lines)	Landward of beach and dunes	Local building permit CCCL Emergency Permit for decks, gazebos, retaining walls	Not to exceed size or capacity of original Must be located landward of beach and dunes
Permanent foundation repair	Within building foundation footprint	Local building permit or CCCL Emergency Permit	Structure cannot be substantially damaged Not to exceed size or capacity of original Must be located landward of beach

			and dunes
BEACH ACCESS – DUNE WALKOVERS AND RAMPS			
Activity	Location	Permits Needed	Conditions
Repair dune walkovers and beach access ramps; replace damaged stair stringers and treads, support posts, stringers, bents, handrails and decking	No more than 10 feet seaward of the dune or vegetation line	Local building permit or CCCL Emergency Permit	Minor repairs only; structure cannot be substantially damaged Adjust seaward end for changed beach conditions Use existing beach access No excavation or damage to dunes or dune vegetation allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings Follow FDEP Dune Walkover Guidelines
Replacement or reconstruction of substantially damaged dune walkovers and beach access ramps	No more than 10 feet seaward of the dune or vegetation line	CCCL Emergency Permit (Note: Replacement of walkovers, decks, gazebos, retaining walls and similar structures is not covered under the EFO)	Adjust seaward end for changed beach conditions Use existing beach access No excavation or damage to dunes or dune vegetation allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings Follow FDEP Dune Walkover Guidelines

SAND PLACEMENT			
Activity	Location	Permits Needed	Conditions
Return of storm overwashed sand (sand that was deposited in the upland by the storm) back to the beach or dune area	Unvegetated beach or dune area above the waterline	Local government permit or CCCL Emergency Permit Note: Return of clean windblown sand to the beach from paved roads and parking areas, beach access ramps, pools, patios, walkways, or decks is exempt from CCCL permit requirements	No beach scraping is allowed Excavation is not to go below pre-storm ground levels Sand must be cleaned of storm or construction debris Use existing beach access No dune or dune vegetation damage allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings Place sand in barren areas with no debris or plants
Restoration of dunes or ground elevations with beach compatible sand from an upland source	Landward of pre-storm dune, bulkhead or vegetation line	Local government permit or CCCL Emergency Permit	No beach scraping is allowed Sand must be cleaned of storm or construction debris Sand must meet FDEP sand specs Use existing beach access No dune or dune vegetation damage allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings Place sand in barren areas with no debris or plants No sand is to be placed seaward of marked sea turtle nests

COASTAL ARMORING			
Activity	Location	Permits Needed	Conditions
Minor repairs of armoring components (vertical wall members, whalers, wall caps, tiebacks and other anchoring system components; revetment rock rubble, chinking stones and underlayment; backfill)	Within limits of existing coastal armoring or bulkhead line	Local government permit or CCCL Emergency Permit Note: Complete or partial replacement or major reconstruction of damaged armoring (seawalls, revetments, bulkheads, retaining walls, geotextile bags or tubes, or other similar rigid coastal structures) are not covered under the EFO	Must comply with CCCL Armoring Rule 62B-33.0051, FAC , for minor reconstruction Sand must meet FDEP sand specs Use existing beach access No dune or dune vegetation damage allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings
Temporary armoring (wood retaining walls, cantilever sheet-pile walls, sandbags)	Determined on a case by case basis	Local government permit or CCCL Emergency Permit	Not to be reinforced with seawall caps, tiebacks or anchoring systems Remove within 60 days or apply for CCCL permit to keep in place No geotextile containers such as “geo-tubes” Sand must meet FDEP sand specs Use existing beach access No dune or dune vegetation damage allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings

TEMPORARY FLOOD RELIEF			
Activity	Location	Permits Needed	Conditions
Placement of temporary pipes, hoses or pumps used for flood relief	Barren areas seaward of the CCCL	No CCCL permit required	Use existing beach access No dune or dune vegetation damage allowed Avoid sea turtles, nests and hatchlings No excavation allowed Secure discharge point seaward of waterline Remove equipment and restore areas immediately

Note: Work on sea turtle nesting beaches, including the frontal dune, within sea turtle nesting season **must** be coordinated with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The sea turtle nesting season is May 1 through October 31, or for Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach and Broward Counties, is March 1 through October 31. Contact FWC at: marineturtle@myfwc.com or call 850-922-4330 for general information. For help coordinating post-storm activities on the beach with an FWC-authorized Marine Turtle Permit Holder, email MTP@MyFWC.com.