



POST HURRICANE HELENE PERMITTING

NOTE: All permit fees related to Hurricane Helene will be waived until Dec. 31, 2024

When applying for a storm related permit, submit the following items:

- A Hurricane Helene permit application (must be uploaded to permit portal)
- A Substantial Improvement Packet worksheet

To determine if a damaged structure meets the threshold for substantial damage, the cost of repairing the structure to its previously damaged condition is compared to the market value of the structure (see below, *Establishing market value of a structure) prior to the damage. The estimated cost of the repairs must include all costs necessary to fully repair the structure to its previously damaged condition. See exceptions below.

*Establishing market value of structure

- Market value can be obtained from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser website: www.pcpao.gov
- Market value can be obtained from a valid appraisal

What items can be excluded from the cost of improvements or repairs?

Items that can be excluded are those that are not directly associated with the structure.

- Clean-up and trash removal
- Costs to temporarily stabilize a structure so that it is safe to enter to evaluate and identify required repairs
- Costs to obtain or prepare plans and specifications,
- Land survey costs
- Carpeting and recarpeting installed over finished flooring, such as wood or tile
- Drywall and insulation
- Outside improvements, including landscaping, irrigation, sidewalks, driveways, fences, yard lights, swimming pools, and detached accessory structures (garages, sheds, gazebos)
- Costs required for the minimum necessary work to correct existing violations of health, sanitary, or safety codes
- Plug-in (not built-in) appliances, such as washing machines, dryers, and stoves.