

# Rebuilding? Check First with Local Authorities About Permits

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**PENSACOLA, Fla.** — The State of Florida and FEMA remind residents planning to rebuild after Hurricane Sally to consult with their community’s building or planning department first to see if permits are necessary before work can start. Do not rely solely on the contractor’s opinion as to whether permits are required.

It is the property owner’s responsibility to make sure all necessary permits have been obtained – including, if necessary, complying with all floodplain regulations that apply. Construction must adhere to the [Florida Building Code](#) and the local floodplain management ordinance.

To find local building contacts, go to <https://www.stateofflorida.com/cities/> if you live in a municipality or <https://www.stateofflorida.com/florida-counties/> if you live in an unincorporated area.

Contractors should be licensed and insured. The State of Florida provides residents the ability to look up contractor licensing information online at <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp>.

For a video on making your roof wind-resistant, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8PhTekho3s>.

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