

The Ultimate **Florida** Community Development Checklist

Florida's growth brings the challenge of managing development while staying resilient to severe weather. This checklist covers best practices for permit management, weather preparedness, and resident communication.

Whether managing new developments, zoning updates, or weather-related code compliance, this checklist will help you navigate the process confidently.



PLANNING ESSENTIALS

Stay ahead of growth and storm readiness with these key strategies:



Use software to streamline permit approvals – Keep up with increasing demand by digitizing and automating building permit processes. A centralized platform creates efficiency and reduces bottlenecks.



Track compliance with hurricane-resistant building codes – Updated codes are essential for storm resilience. Digital tools help track compliance and ensure inspections are properly documented.



Develop a fast-track process for storm-related permits – Speed is critical when responding to hurricane damage. Establishing pre-approved templates for emergency repairs can cut down approval times.



Leverage GIS insights for smarter planning – Use mapping technology to assess flood zones, wind risks, and storm impact predictions, allowing for more informed decision-making on land use and infrastructure projects.



Enhance communication with contractors and residents – Notifications keep everyone informed about permit status, inspection schedules, and weather-related delays. Automated updates increase clarity and efficiency.

RESPONSE & RECOVERY ESSENTIALS

A fast and coordinated response is crucial to community recovery after a disaster. Consider these best practices that can help prioritize safety and accelerate rebuilding efforts:



Implement mobile inspection tools – Enable field teams to conduct post-disaster inspections quickly using mobile-friendly software that syncs data in real-time.



Automate emergency repair permits – Establish workflows that allow for immediate issuance of permits for damaged structures to help residents rebuild faster.



Maintain a public dashboard for real-time updates – Transparency is key. A publicly accessible dashboard displaying recovery efforts, road closures, and permit statuses can keep communities informed and engaged.



Coordinate with utility and emergency response teams – Ensure that permitting and inspections are aligned with utility companies and emergency management for a smooth recovery process.



Analyze post-disaster response data for future planning – Track what worked and what didn't after each storm to refine processes and improve preparedness for the next event.

BUILDING A FUTURE-READY COMMUNITY

With the right digital tools, Florida's community development can keep up with growth, regulations, and severe weather. Digital permitting streamlines communication, tracks compliance, and keeps projects on track.

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