

# Hurricane Shutter Use Policy



**Hurricane and Storm Shutters:** Except for temporary "Unapproved" Shutters which are allowed on a temporary basis as explained below, no hurricane or storm shutters shall be installed unless they have been approved by the DRC. They must blend into the window details or into the window covering requirements such that a patchwork or "checker board" look does not occur. Except for clear or Lexan style shutters, all others should be of consistent color, detail and style. The colors of the storm shutters must be compatible and consistent with the architecture of the building. Except for temporary "Unapproved" Shutters which are allowed on a temporary basis as explained below, no mill finish aluminum is allowed. For all neighborhoods with a separate homeowner's association, those associations must first approve the standard storm shutters, and have consistent details and colors for all units within the project to achieve architectural consistency. However, approval by a separate homeowner's association does not automatically mean that the DRC will grant approval.

- a. **Hurricane Season Use.** Hurricane Season is defined as June 1 - November 30. During that time any type of shutter which has been previously "Approved" by the DRC in accordance with these Design Guidelines shall be permitted to be installed and remain on the front, rear, and sides of the home.
- b. **Year-Round Use.** Certain types of approved shutters may be installed on the home outside of Hurricane Season (as defined above). Only clear or Lexan style shutters may be installed and remain on the front of the home between December 1 - May 1. Approved shutters of other materials may be used on the rear and sides of the home.
- c. **Temporary Unapproved Shutters.** "Unapproved" materials such as plywood or mill finish aluminum may only be used on a temporary basis during times of impending storms. Such temporary shutters may be installed once the National Hurricane Center has placed Southwest Florida under a hurricane watch and must be removed no later than 48 hours after the hurricane watch has been removed or after the storm has passed.
- d. **Windscreen Protection.** Windscreen style of protection will be approved so long as the material is a neutral color.