

HURRICANE SHUTTER INSTALLATION

NAPLES RESERVE

Hurricane season in Florida is from June 1st to November 30th. Some of the homes in Naples Reserve are equipped with hurricane shutters, and instructions indicating where the various panels go. It's prudent for all of us to know how to install them prior to hurricane season.

For those of you that don't wish to take this task on yourself there are several companies that would be willing to install and remove your shutter panels for a fee. However, the demand for this will be high during season so make sure you secure a competent vendor in advance. If you plan on installing them yourself there are a few items you'll need to make this a safe and easy task.

All the items are available in any hardware store. You'll need a cordless drill, preferably one with two batteries. Be certain the drill is a variable speed drill with a clutch. Set the clutch setting at a safe torque so that your drill does not over tighten the fasteners or wing nuts. Make certain those batteries are always fully charged when you learn of an impending hurricane. You'll also want a wing nut driver bit and/or Philip's that attaches to the drill. Pick up a #3 Phillips drill bit blade to use on the slotted "sidewalk" bolts. You will also need a good pair of leather or Kevlar work gloves, and proper eye protection. Any time you use a drill always wear eye protection.

Remember not to lean the panels on your foot while handling them, and only handle one panel at a time. If possible work with a partner to make the load lighter. Wear sun block, and stay hydrated. Take frequent rest stops. The CERT team hopes none of us ever have the real need to install these panels, but if we do, do it safely.

**These safety tips provided to you by the Naples Reserve
Community Emergency Response Team**

