



Guidelines for Storm Shutters/ Decorative Shutters/ Screens

Shutters: DRC approval is required for all exterior decorative and storm shutters.

Decorative Shutters: Approved shutters must blend into the window details. The shutters should be of consistent color and style. Paint color and the design must be consistent with the architecture of the home, such as Bahama, Bermuda shutters. Shutters should be proportional to the window opening. Decorative shutters must be securely mounted so they do not become a flying hazard during storms.

Storm Shutters and Screens: Approved storm shutters and screens must blend in with the colors of the home. Typically, the storm shutters should be of the same color and consistency of the architecture of the home. The exception of storm shutters provided by a builder at the time of construction. Storm shutters installed on the back and side of the home, out of view from the main street, can be operated any time for storm protection, as a sunscreen and for protecting/storing furniture. If the homeowner is away for an extended period, the shutters may close on the back and side of the home only.

Storm shutters on the front windows and front entry of the home are for use only in the event of a named storm. These front window and front entry storm shutters can be closed no earlier than 48 hours before the storm and must be retracted within 48 hours after the storm has passed.

Hurricane Shutters may be installed inside the front vestibule out of sight from the street and will not be allowed directly above the front door and must have hand crank on the inside to allow for emergency exit during power outages. The vestibule shutters must be painted the same color as the house, not the trim color.

Due to safety, one egress entry and exit door must be accessible and FL Code #R310 states garage doors do not count as an egress.

Screens: Screens on the front door are not permitted. Screens and screen doors enclosing the vestibule area on the front of the home are allowable and must match the color of the house. DRC approval is required.