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## CONTRACTORS NEWSFLASH

### Invest 97L / Potential Hurricane

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A Tropical Storm is tracking to potentially have an impact in our area and strengthen to hurricane status. **Now is the time** to activate your hurricane preparedness plan and ensure that all jobsites are clear of debris that could become airborne projectiles.

***Construction sites should be secured, and swales and temporary culvert pipes are free flowing and are not obstructed in any way and check all appropriate erosion/sediment control measures as needed.***

#### **Secure Structures and Equipment**

It's time to prepare your job site for the storm ahead.

- Use rope, sandbags, ground anchors and other items to weigh down materials that could easily fly away.
- Cover materials with plastic sheeting, netting or garbage bags to prevent water damage.
- Stack loose materials together and secure them with rope or duct tape to keep them from dispersing.
- Complete work on partially completed structures to minimize damage if time allows.

#### **Remove Materials and Equipment When Possible**

If you're able to remove loose materials or expensive equipment, do so immediately after a warning is announced.

- Have your construction dumpster picked up or cover the container with a tarp/tie down lid.
- Remove or tie down portable bathrooms.
- Remove hazardous chemicals to prevent them from being released into the environment.
- Remove materials, tools or equipment that can be damaged by rising water.
- Remove or move heavy equipment and machinery to a garage if available.
- Tear down and store light-weight fence screens and job site signage.
- Move any portable electronics, job site plans and other important documents from the construction trailer to a safe location offsite.
- Turn off power to the site and make sure fuel is available for power generators.

### **Safeguard the Building Structure**

Now that you've secured or removed materials and equipment, it's time to defend the structure. Whether you're working on a renovation or constructing a new building, water can significantly damage the interior.

- Board up door and window openings.
- Tarp or board up any other large openings.
- Place sandbags around the perimeter of the structure as reinforcement.

Hurricane and storm preparedness is essential for a safe construction site and the neighboring properties. Thank you in advance for being a good neighbor in your community.