WHY TAKE THEM DOWN?

Leaving a house shuttered creates safety issues, especially prohibiting occupants from safely and quickly escaping the house should an emergency take place inside.

City ordinance states that shutters must be removed within 14 days after the termination of a major storm. The City is requesting that all residents remove their shutters as soon as possible.

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES

In the event of a fire, shutters can limit access to you, your family and pets, as well as obstruct fire-fighting. These valuable moments can be the difference between life and death.

LEARN MORE

The City ordinance explains the rules and regulations in detail. It is important to know that this applies to occupied houses only. The code states that vacant houses are allowed to have their shutters on for the duration of hurricane season, June 1 through November 30.

For more information residents can contact Code Compliance Staff at 772.871.5010.

41.10(M) STORM SHUTTER REGULATIONS

3. Storm shutter placement. Hurricane protective devices that impede egress, light, and/or ventilation in a closed/secured position on occupied buildings must be removed no later than fourteen (14) days after the termination of a hurricane event (watch, warning, or actual hurricane or tornado) unless:

A. A hurricane or tropical storm watch occurs in the fourteen (14) day period, at which point the fourteen (14) day period begins a new the day after the hurricane or tropical storm conditions have subsided; or

B. Hurricane or tropical storm watch conditions are predicted to occur within forty-eight (48) hours after the fourteenth day; or

C. The structure is used for residential purposes, but no person is in residence.