

Under Construction?

Are you considering a remodel, construction project, or just doing some work around your property? Make sure you have the right tools for the job, including the proper permits.

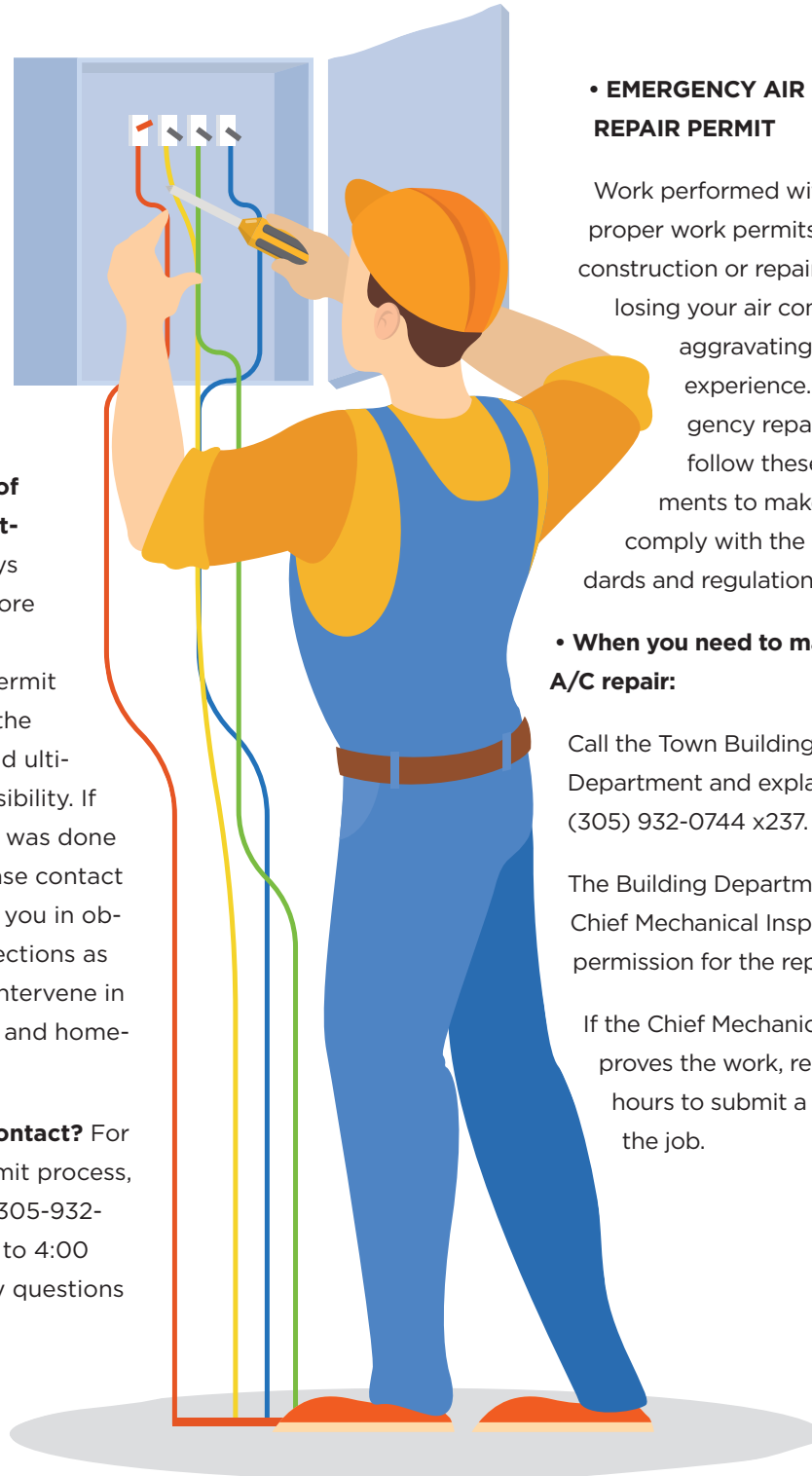
Permitting and Construction

Building permits are an important tool in the construction or remodeling process. Permits and the subsequent inspections help ensure the safety of work being done and its compliance with building, construction, and zoning codes.

- **When do I need a building permit?** Building permits are required to construct any new building, an addition to an existing building, and alterations involving changes to the primary structure and any accessory structures located within your property. Permits are also required for, but are not limited to, new construction, remodeling of existing structures, or construction and/or remodeling of an accessory structure (Gazebos, Pergolas), roofing, fencing, decks, swimming pools, docks, boat lifts, landscaping, any electrical, and plumbing or mechanical work within the property. Always call our department and ask if a permit is needed when contemplating a project.
- **Why do I need a permit?** The Town adopts State and local building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical codes to protect its citizens. Permits are required to track work being done, and the permit fees pay for the inspections and recordkeeping functions of the department. Doing work without permits can put homeowners at risk. Aside from the dangers of inhabitants potentially being injured by the result of faulty work, homeowners can also be held financially liable should faulty work cause injury to someone visiting their property.
- **Who is responsible for obtaining permits?** It is common for contractors to obtain permits, however, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure that the required permits are obtained. It is always a good idea

to check with the Town about what permits are required before hiring a contractor

- **Can I do my own electrical, plumbing or mechanical work?** The Florida Building Code requires all electrical, plumbing and mechanical work to be done by licensed contractors who must first obtain permits.
- **What if obtaining a permit was a part of my contract and the contractor neglected to do so?** Homeowners should always find out which permits are required before hiring a contractor to do work on their home and then request a copy of the permit before allowing the contractor to start the work. If a permit was not issued, it would ultimately be the property owner's responsibility. If there would be an instance where work was done on your property without a permit, please contact the Building Department. We will assist you in obtaining the required permit(s) and inspections as best we can, however, the City cannot intervene in contract issues between the contractor and homeowner.
- **If I still have questions, who should I contact?** For questions regarding permits or the permit process, please call the Building Department at 305-932-0744, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, and we will endeavor to answer any questions you may have.



Emergency Repair Permits

Certain projects may fall outside of the typical permitting process, including emergency repairs. Below are some examples of such projects.

• EMERGENCY AIR CONDITIONING REPAIR PERMIT

Work performed within Town requires proper work permits, whether it be new construction or repairs, but we know losing your air conditioning can be an aggravating and uncomfortable experience. Even with emergency repairs we ask that you follow these simple requirements to make sure your repairs comply with the Town's safety standards and regulations.

• When you need to make an emergency A/C repair:

Call the Town Building & Permitting Department and explain your situation at (305) 932-0744 x237.

The Building Department will contact the Chief Mechanical Inspector and request permission for the repairs to be granted.

If the Chief Mechanical Inspector approves the work, residents have 24 hours to submit a permit to perform the job.

Any work performed without the proper permitting in hand leaves the owner exposed to possible code violations for work without permits, resulting in fines.

Be sure to follow proper avenues while performing repairs on your home and Stay Cool!

• EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL REPAIRS/FIRE HAZARDS

Residents must be proactive about the safety of their own properties. South Florida's heat and salt air can cause premature wear and deterioration of outdoor electrical components and their connections. Compromised electrical equipment can lead to fires.

Outdoor outlets, meter boxes, grounding, conduits, landscape lighting and pool equipment are among areas that can pose as fire hazards if not properly maintained.

Inspect your property regularly. Do not risk a dangerous or expensive situation.

Should you need to make an emergency electrical repair contact the Town's Building & Zoning Department immediately. The Building Department will expedite all permits and there be NO FEES for such repairs. Please note, this policy applies only to repairs, not to upgrades or new service.

EXAMPLES OF SOME PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE PERMITS:

AIR CONDITIONING	FOUNDATION	RANGE HOOD EXHAUST SYSTEM
ALTERATIONS	GAS TANKS (PROPANE)	REAL ESTATE SIGNS
BOAT LIFTS	GARAGE DOORS	REFRIGERATION
BUILDING ADDITIONS	GATES	REMODEL/REPAIR
BURGLAR ALARM	HEAT PUMP	ROOFING
CHIMNEYS OR FLUES	INSULATION	SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION
CONSTRUCTION TRAILER	INTERCOM	SERVICE CHANGE
CONSTRUCTION DUMPSTERS	INTERIOR TILE	FLOORS
SLABS/PATIOS	DEMOLITION	IRRIGATION SYSTEM
SOLAR WATER HEATER	DRAIN FIELDS	JACUZZI/SPA
SPRINKLER SYSTEM (LAWN)	DRIVEWAYS	LANDSCAPING
STORMWATER DRAINAGE	DOCKS & SEAWALLS	LIGHT POLES
(ANY) STRUCTURAL REPAIR	ELECTRIC	LIGHTNING PROTECTION
TEMPORARY SERVICE	ELECTRIC (LOW VOLTAGE)	NEW STRUCTURES
TENNIS COURT	EXTERIOR DOORS	PAINTING (EXTERIOR)
TREE REMOVAL	FENCES	PAVING
VACUUM SYSTEM	PLUMBING	WATER CONNECTIONS
FIRE ALARM	POOL	FIRE PLACES
POOL DECK	FIRE SPRINKLER	PORTABLE TOILETS
FIXTURES INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT	GENERATORS/GAS APPLIANCES	

Section 105.1 of the Florida Building Code states: Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

Short Term Rentals & Transient Living

The Town's Ordinance 476.03 Section 66-91 prohibits transient use of a residential dwelling within the Town's limits. This ordinance pertains to regulating leasing or occupying residences in Town. Should you be an owner or if your property is owned by a corporation, and you wish to rent out your property within the Town be it by entering a verbal, written lease, rental agreement or simply allowing someone to live in your home, there are steps that must be taken to register with the Town:

- **Properties may be rented only ONCE a year, and for a term NO SHORTER THAN 6 months**
- **Air BNB and similar short-term rentals are strictly prohibited**

- **Every year on January 1st, renters must be re-registered with the Town. The Transient Living Application is available through the Town's Code Enforcement Department or by accessing the Town's website www.goldenbeach.us. A check for \$300.00 must accompany the completed application. Unregistered renters leave owners open to code citations and fines. Having registered tenants keeps our community a safer and better place for everyone to live. Please be sure to follow all correct avenues should you plan on renting your home. If you need further assistance you may contact the Code Enforcement Department at Town Hall at 305-932-0744.**

Golden Beach Cares

The Town of Golden Beach understands the importance of mental health support. If you or someone you care about is having thoughts of suicide please consider the resources below.

In recognition of the importance of mental health support and awareness, at the March Council Meeting the Town Council authorized a donation of \$2,500 to Miami Mind, a non-profit organization that partners with mental health foundations to raise awareness and support the global mental health community.



Suicide Prevention: If You Know Someone in Crisis

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (LIFELINE) at **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**, or text the Crisis Text Line (**text HELLO to 741741**). Both services are free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All calls are confidential. Contact social media outlets directly if you are concerned about a friend's social media updates or dial 911 in an emergency. Learn more on the Lifeline's website (**<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>**) or the Crisis Text Line's website (**<https://www.crisistextline.org>**).

The Veterans Crisis Line (**<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>**) connects Service members and Veterans in crisis, as well as their family members and friends, with qualified Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text messaging service. Dial **1-800-273-8255** and Press **1** to talk to someone or **send a text message to 838255** to connect with a VA responder. You can also start a confidential online chat session at Veterans Crisis Chat (**<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat>**).

Prevención del suicidio: Si conoce a alguien que está en crisis

Llame a la Red Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio (Lifeline) al **1-888-628-9454** (en español) o al **1-800-273-8255** (en inglés), o envíe un mensaje en inglés a la línea de crisis para mensajes de texto (**con la palabra HELLO al 741741**). Ambos servicios son gratuitos y están disponibles 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana. Todas las llamadas son confidenciales. Comuníquese directamente con las redes sociales si le preocupa lo que está publicando un amigo o llame al 911 en caso de una emergencia.

Obtenga más información en el sitio web de la red (**<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/en-espanol>**) o en el de la línea de crisis para mensajes de texto (en inglés) (**<https://www.crisistextline.org>**).

El sitio web de la línea para veteranos en crisis (en inglés) (**<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>**) pone en contacto a los miembros del servicio militar y a los veteranos en crisis, así como a sus familiares y amigos, con personas del Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos (VA, por sus siglas en inglés) que están capacitadas para atenderlos a través de una línea directa, gratuita y confidencial, charlas en línea o un servicio de mensajes de texto. Llame al **1-800-273-8255** y oprima el número **1** para hablar con alguien en inglés o el número **2** para hacerlo en español, o bien, **envíe un mensaje de texto al 838255** para comunicarse con una persona del VA que pueda atenderlo. También puede iniciar una sesión confidencial de charla en línea (en inglés) (**<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat>**).

NMB Water: Explore *WaterSmart* Today

NMB Water's *WaterSmart* Program is available for customers to understand and manage their water use.

***WaterSmart* benefits include:**

- View your hourly, daily, and historical water use
- View your water bill and understand your charges
- Check for unusual or excessive water use during the day or night which could indicate a water leak
- Sign up for daily water use notifications
- Add users to your account (renter, family member, etc.)
- Adjust your notification settings (email, text, voice)
- Explore water conservation tips and incentives
- Avoid costly water leaks and potential water damage, and make sure you get the most value from every drop of water you use in your home

***WaterSmart* features include:**

- You will receive an alert by email if your water meter registers suspicious or unusual activity
- You can sign up for billing and daily use alerts on your "Settings" page
- Registration for this free service is simple!
- Log into your *WaterSmart* portal and create your account at:

<https://northmiamibeachfl.watersmart.com/index.php/welcome>

*Thanks for caring
about your water use!*

IN MEMORIAM

The Town would like to acknowledge
the recent passing of Golden Beach Resident

Joel Newman.

Mr. Newman was a long-time resident of the community
and our thoughts are with his family
during this difficult time.

Civic Center Building

On February 24, 2022 the town celebrated the completion of the structure. The next phase of construction will include the framing of interior walls, the installation of plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems. Our consultants at Perkins+Will presented their design concept for interior finishes at the March council meeting. It was a stunning presentation which showcased the beautiful upgrades to enhance the interior spaces. The project is moving along on schedule. We anticipate that the building will be enclosed by the end of April.

Center Island Pump Station

The installation of the FPL cabinet is complete and the power connection has been established. The pump has been certified by the manufacturer, and will be tested by the project engineers during the first weeks in April. The pump will be operational by the end of April.

Fiber Optic Technology

The crews are doing their best to work efficiently and cautiously throughout the town. Currently 25% of residents have an established connection to the hotwire network. In-home installations are underway. If you would like to schedule your consultation or have any questions, call the Golden Beach dedicated launch team specialist, Jessica at (954) 405-2329.

Wall on Massini

At the March council meeting, Permacast was awarded the project to construct an 820 linear foot wall on Massini, and a 110 linear foot wall on Terracina. We have met with their construction manager on-site to review the logistics of the installation. Since space is limited in-town, staging for the project will be coordinated with projects currently under construction. The town is very excited to deliver this project by summer 2022.

Town-wide Security Upgrade

We are excited to include this project into the fiber optic upgrades that the town will receive over the course of this year. With the proposed upgrades, the town of Golden Beach is set to be one of the securest towns in the country.

Bus Shelters on A1A at Ravenna & Palermo Avenues

With the completion of this project, we have noticed that litter has started to collect at our shelters. To ensure that we keep our right of way clean and beautiful, we will be installing new trash bins to match the aesthetic of the shelters.

Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Force Main Replacement on Golden Beach Drive

The project has recently gained momentum. The geotechnical engineers have completed the boring test required for the final DERM approval. Our last update from Miami-Dade indicated that the force main project construction will begin around summer 2022.

Tweddle Park Outfall

The replacement of existing fittings near 151 Golden Beach Drive is complete. The new fittings will improve the hydraulics of the existing storm water gravity outfall. Included within in the scope was the adjustment of the manholes opposite of this location. The new top slab with sealed lids will prevent the lids from surcharging. The pump station 1 at Tweddle Park has been calibrated to this new installation.

Resilience Update

The town was recently awarded a grant for the restoration of Pump Station 1 at Tweddle Park. The pump has been operating at 10% for the past few years. The well system has been failing to discharge into the outfall system causing the flooding we see at the tennis courts and surrounding areas. The grant will help us design a solution to the failed wells. We hope to work with our town engineers to install a downstream defender. This provides impressive and reliable removal of fine and coarse particles, hydrocarbons and floatable debris from surface water runoff, delivering high levels of storm water treatment over a wide range of flow rates.

Tweddle Restrooms

The town recently replaced the flooring at the pavilion restrooms. The restoration was required due to the recurring plumbing issues we experience. These issues are due to foreign objects being thrown down the toilet. We appreciate your cooperation by placing only toilet tissue down the toilet.

Roads and Streets

Construction of new curbs and gutters along Golden Beach Drive is nearly complete. The rate at which storm water structures and roadway settlement can vary. We have lowered (17) catch basins and (2) manholes to match the new elevation of the roadway. The town is closely monitoring the drainage of our streets to ensure there is minimal standing water.



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Golden BEACH IMPORTANT NUMBERS

POLICE-FIRE-EMERGENCY: 911

REPORT CRIME – SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: 305.935.0940

FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): 786.331.5000

TOWN HALL: 305.932.0744

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HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTER: WEST MIAMI-DADE LOCATION: 305.468.5900

POLICE ADMINISTRATION: 305.936.2444

NORTH MIAMI BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
(WATER SERVICES PROVIDER FOR GOLDEN BEACH): 305.948.2960

NORTH MIAMI BEACH AFTER HOURS/
EMERGENCY WATER SERVICE: 305.652.6460

MIAMI-DADE WATER & SEWER (EMERGENCY): 305.274.9272

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL): 305.442.8770

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: 811

GATE HOUSE: 305.935.0940 TECO GAS: 305.940.0139



HOTWIRE Launch Team (Direct Line): 954.302.8539

COVID-19 Resources

Find a COVID-19 vaccination site near you at:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-locator.page>

Find a COVID-19 testing site near you at:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites> or https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/12/onsite

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (LIFELINE): 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Crisis Text Line: (text HELLO to 741741)



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