



## WHOA'S HURRICANE PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS

### WHOA Options for Hurricane Protection

[NOTE: The Hurricane Protection Specifications referenced herein have been adopted by the WHOA Board of Governors and they pertain to the Wyndemere Homeowners Association, Inc. The various "sub-associations" within the Wyndemere community may have adopted supplemental Hurricane Protection Specifications. WHOA Owners should consult with their individual sub-associations should they have any questions regarding any supplemental Hurricane Protection Specifications and/or guidance/requirements which may exist.]

Effective September 17, 2024, the following are approved options to protect one's home from damage due to a hurricane or strong storm:

**Automatic Roll Down Shutters:** Made of hinged polycarbonate or metal, or flexible Kevlar, this type of hurricane shutter attaches to the top of a window, door or other opening, rolling down when needed and rolling up into a box when not in use. While they are one of the more costly options, many people choose this style for its ability to be permanently secured to the window and because of ease of use. Roll down shutters can also be hung from the ceiling of an area inside a lanai to protect windows and doors. Storm Catcher fabric roll down shutters are currently a popular choice.

**Accordion Shutters:** Permanently attached to your window, this type of hurricane shutter is made of metal or polycarbonate. When not in use, accordion hurricane shutters will fold up, accordion-style, as to not block your view. This budget-friendly style also works well with larger windows and glass doors.

**Colonial Shutters:** Often chosen for their aesthetics, colonial shutters attach to the sides of a window and can be folded up, giving the appearance of normal shutters when not in use. When a storm approaches, the shutters are unfolded to cover the window and secured with a storm closure bar. More customizable than other options, colonial hurricane shutters can be comprised of metal or fiberglass.

**Bahama Shutters:** Another stylish option, Bahama hurricane shutters consist of one louvered exterior shutter that is attached to the top of your window. This style of shade can be left open to let light in on typical days but can quickly be shut and locked to protect your home from a storm before a hurricane hits. Bahama-style shutters are typically made of aluminum but can be made of fiberglass.

**Clear Hurricane Panels:** Made of a polycarbonate such as Lexan, they are also an option for hurricane protection. Clear panels let the light in and enable one to see what's going on outside. However, they are permanently attached to the window frame.

When deciding on the best hurricane shutters for your home, there are a few things to keep in mind:

**Materials:** Different types of materials can withstand different wind speeds.

**Timing:** Always plan ahead. If you are purchasing hurricane shutters for an impending storm, consider the amount of time you have. An option like roll down shutters may be what your home needs, but they will require professional installation.

**Home style:** How you protect your windows during a hurricane can be solved by taking things like home style into consideration. While Bahama shutters may appeal to your eye, they may not be the right fit for your home's style, size and storm protection needs.

Understanding the differences in types of shutters can help you make a choice that's right for your home. Manufacturer's specifications for hurricane ratings should be checked before purchase.

**Generator:** Homeowners (who do not own/reside in a condominium unit) should also consider accommodating long power interruptions from strong storms or hurricanes by installing an outside generator fueled with an underground propane tank. The generator must be screened from the street with a wall or shrubbery such as Podocarpus. WHOA Owners should consult with their individual sub-associations should they have any questions regarding any supplemental guidance/requirements which may exist as it pertains to generator installation and use.

**Hurricane-Proof Glass:** Another option is to install hurricane-proof glass in all windows and doors, as many homeowners have done in recent years.

**A fully executed ARC Application approved by the Neighborhood ARC must be submitted to WHOA for review for all options noted above. Installation of any of the options referenced above shall not commence until WHOA has provided the requesting homeowner with an approved ARC Application.**

**Storm Shutter Utilization:** WHOA allows all Wyndemere homeowners to lower or close their approved storm shutters while they are away from their home for a temporary or extended period of time. Of course, their shutters may also be lowered or closed in the event of an approaching storm that may be dangerous to their home while they are in residence. This policy does not preclude residents from temporarily lowering or closing their shutters during the day to block sunlight and wind.

The above specifications apply to ARC requests to install hurricane protection for residents who wish to do so. Residents are not required to install such hurricane protection or to change existing hurricane protection that was approved by the ARC prior to the adoption of these specifications.

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