



Flood Event – April 12, 2023

Policy for Travel Trailer, Recreational Vehicle (RV), and Portable Generators

In the wake of the unprecedented flooding event that occurred on April 12th, 2023, the Building Services Division of the Development Services Department is allowing placement of a travel trailer or recreational vehicle (RV) on residential property where there has been storm/flooding damage and repairs are required. This will allow property owners to continue living on the property and remain close to their belongings while construction repairs are being performed. This allowance is consistent with the Governor's Executive Order 23-65.

Temporary placement of a travel trailer or RV on the site requires a permit from the Development Services Department. It must be set no closer than three (3) feet from the property lines, and no closer than six (6) feet to permanent structures on the property. The travel trailer or RV is to remain road ready (wheels attached and ready for relocation) while situated on the property. Electric power and water may be supplied from the property's services if deemed safe, from the respective utility. Sewage connection shall be coordinated with City of Fort Lauderdale, Public Works Department.

If electric power is supplied to the travel trailer or RV from a portable generator, an electrical permit is not required.

Warning Notice: Portable generators must be placed outdoors while being used, at least ten (10) feet away from windows, doors, and other openings to prevent exhaust fumes from getting inside the trailer, RV or other structures. When placing a portable generator on your property, also be mindful of your neighbors and of the noise that it produces.

The travel trailer or RV can remain on the property as long as the residence is in the process of being repaired. Upon completion of repairs, the travel trailer or RV must be removed. If the trailer or RV is onsite and a wind event is approaching, it may become necessary to move the trailer or RV offsite.

For permit questions or additional information, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Building Services Call Center at (954) 828-6520 or visit: ftlcity.info/building-permit-general-info.