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**CITY OF ALVIN
BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Helpful Hints for Permits/Remodeling

FEMA and the City of Alvin requires permits and inspections for every damaged home to evaluate each location and determine the extent of the damage.

Here are a few helpful hints for when it's time to repair your homes: Please be careful when hiring contractors! Be wary of scam artists that will take advantage of times like this.

Local contractors may be more likely to know local ordinances and requirements, which can save you from costly mistakes.

All electricians and plumbers must be licensed (per Texas State Law).

To Look up Licensed Plumbers - Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners:
<https://vo.licensing.hpc.texas.gov/datamart/mainMenu.do;jsessionid=q37flgeMdShGPgAN8KegiXO-.i-09230d577b4f7d99a>

To look up Licensed Electricians - Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation:
<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/LicenseSearchMobile.asp#start>

General Contractors should have insurance. Verify that Contractors are registered with the City of Alvin. Double check that contractors get permits and inspections for your repairs. (Most insurance companies won't pay for repairs made without permits and inspections.)

Get bids, invoices and contracts in writing, and always keep a copy for your records. Do not give all the money up front. Don't be afraid to ask questions, we are here to help!

PERMITS:

The City DOES NOT require permits for the following repairs caused by damage from Hurricane Harvey:

- Floor covering replacement (carpet, tile, vinyl, etc.)
- Fence repair

ALL other repairs will require a Permit and Inspections.

Call Building Inspections at 281-388-4271 if you have any questions.