

HURRICANE & STORM-RESILIENT REMODELING TIPS



Living in Southwest Florida means embracing paradise while preparing for the realities of hurricane season. At Banyan Living, we believe a remodel should do more than look beautiful – it should make your home stronger, safer, and more resilient.

These tips will help you make informed choices that protect your home, your investment, and your peace of mind.

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Upgrade to Impact-Rated Windows & Doors

Your first line of defense starts here. Impact-resistant glass and hurricane-rated doors protect your home from windborne debris and pressure changes during storms.

- Look for products that meet Miami-Dade or Florida Building Code standards.
- Don't forget the frames – aluminum and reinforced vinyl hold up best in coastal climates.
- Bonus: they improve energy efficiency and noise reduction year-round.



Pro Tip: Replacing old sliders or French doors during a remodel is one of the smartest upgrades for both safety and resale value.

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Strengthen the Roof & Structural Connections

Your roof is your home's first line of defense. During any major remodel, it's worth evaluating the structural connections that help protect your home during severe weather.

- Ask about hurricane straps, clips, and tie-downs that reinforce your roof structure.
- Use roofing materials rated for 150+ mph winds.
- Have your contractor inspect trusses, soffits, and attic ventilation.



Pro Tip: If you're remodeling after Hurricane Ian or Helene, ask for a full roof assessment – many hidden structural issues don't show up until the next big storm.

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Build Outdoor Spaces That Last

Outdoor living is one of the best investments you can make in Southwest Florida, but only when it's built with materials designed for our climate.

- Weather-resistant outdoor cabinetry
- Heat- and UV-resistant countertops
- Corrosion-resistant hardware and fixtures
- Durable finishes designed for sun, salt air, and humidity



Pro Tip: Beautiful design and lasting durability should go hand in hand. The right materials can deliver both.

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Protect Your Home's Critical Systems

If you live in a flood-prone area, small adjustments can make a big difference.

- Elevate electrical outlets, panels, and HVAC equipment above potential flood levels.
- Anchor outdoor compressors and fuel tanks securely.
- Install surge protection for the whole house.



Pro Tip: Even a few inches of elevation can save thousands in repair costs later.

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Secure Outdoor Features

Patios, lanais, and outdoor kitchens are part of the SWFL lifestyle – but they also need protection.

- Install removable storm-rated screens or impact shutters for open spaces.
- Anchor pergolas, awnings, and cabinetry to prevent uplift.
- Choose wind-rated fans and fixtures for outdoor ceilings.



Pro Tip: Design outdoor features that can be easily closed, covered, or stored when storms approach.

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Plan Ahead During Permitting

Remodeling is the perfect time to make code updates.

- Lee County's permitting process already considers hurricane resistance – use that to your advantage.
- Upgrading to code now can save you major costs (and insurance headaches) later.
- Work only with licensed contractors who understand local inspection requirements.



Pro Tip: At Banyan Living, we handle all permitting and inspections so your remodel meets every safety and code standard.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Whether you're planning a single-room renovation or a whole-home remodel, incorporating storm-resilient features today can help protect your home, your family, and your investment for years to come. Resilient homes aren't built by accident. They're built by planning for what you hope never happens.

At Banyan Living, we believe every successful remodel starts with **Designing with Purpose. Building with Pride.** It's more than our tagline. It's how we approach every project.



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