



Are you prepared for when the next big storm hits?

If you live in South Florida, there is no way to avoid bad storms. Whether you're inland or on the coast, hurricanes and tropical storms mean devastating property losses year after year. Hurricanes destroy more property than any other natural disaster in the United States.

You can do a lot to safeguard your home against harmful hurricane winds. Is your screen enclosure strong enough? Screen enclosures and Florida Rooms that are damaged by strong winds frequently lead to damage to the main part of your house. Parts of these structures can produce wind-borne debris that can break windows and tear openings into your house; letting in destructive rain and wind.

Take a look at your screen enclosure now.

- Do you see any rusted screws?
- Are screws missing? (Look for holes where screws might have been.)
- Are there rust stains coming from inside your aluminum structure?
- Is corrosion visible on the frame?
- Is your cable bracing loose or missing?
- Are there other visible signs of deterioration?

Get a FREE Professional Inspection of your Screen Enclosure.

Could your screen enclosure better withstand hurricane force winds? Screen enclosures, patio rooms, Florida rooms and pool enclosures are often the first structures to be blown down, tearing off your home and producing dangerous wind-born wreckage that may then blow into your home. It is critical to have your screen enclosure inspected for hurricane readiness before a storm. Don't put off necessary repairs. Prepare your screen enclosure now.

**Do you live in a condo or apartment?
Remember that winds are stronger at higher elevations.**

Does your home meet current building code standards? The 2007 Florida Test Protocols for High Velocity Hurricane Zones went into effect March 1, 2009. Screen enclosures built before 2009 may not have been designed to the same standards. Depending on building code requirements existing when your screen enclosure was constructed, fasteners may have been selected for ease of fabrication or accepted convention rather than suitability for the high wind loads, from 100 mph inland to 150 mph in coastal areas.

Even if your aluminum screen enclosure was originally well built and designed to resist wind loads, properly anchored, braced and connected, it may no longer be safe. Typical screws begin to rust almost immediately and lose considerable strength and holding power. After a few years, weather, pool water and chemicals, rain and exposure to salt seriously compromise the strength and integrity of your fasteners. Corroded screws loosen and allow water and corrosive minerals to enter the aluminum, causing it to deteriorate from the inside.

There is a solution. Don't lose your screen enclosure. Don't replace your screws with the same kind of screws that have rusted in the first place. Even stainless steel screws are softer and may cause electrolysis or aluminum deterioration caused by different metals touching. Both types of screws are susceptible to over torque which can create a gully in the aluminum where water will collect.

Replace your screws with a better fastener system, **BLUE-TAP** with **PRO-TECT*** Fastener Protection System and **NYLO-TEC**.

The **PRO-TECT Fastener Protection System** was engineered for screen enclosures, Florida rooms, patio rooms and pool enclosures in the demanding South Florida environment. The **PRO-TECT** sleeve protects the screw down to the masonry, giving rigidity to the aluminum around the fastener and reducing the risk of over torque which can create a gully in the aluminum where water will collect. The nylon sleeve encases the fastener and protects from salt air and water intrusion. With the added protection of the color matched nylon cap, water and salt is repelled away from the fastener head. The one piece shaft and washer system also solves the problem of electrolysis or aluminum deterioration caused by different metals touching as they are completely isolated. This allows a more cost effective, stronger carbide steel **BLUE-TAP** to be used, instead of softer stainless steel, adding more strength and stability to the structure. **BLUE-TAP** Concrete Anchors are Miami-Dade County Product Control Approved** and comply with the Florida Building Code, including the High Velocity Hurricane Zone. The **PRO-TECT** System is available in a variety of UV stabilized colors to coordinate with the frame structure.

NYLO-TEC high quality grade case hardened carbon steel fasteners provide long term strength. When driving a standard coated fastener, the coating chips off, exposing the steel to the elements and encouraging corrosion. **NYLO-TEC** use a color matched glass reinforced nylon head, not a coating. The UV stabilized anticorrosive head never rusts or fades. **NYLO-TEC** extends the life of the structure in all environments especially in coastal regions.



Lower Insurance Costs

Contact your insurance company. Many companies offer reduced rates and incentives for making your home safer. Insurers may offer premium discounts for reinforcing your screen enclosure and installing storm screens.

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Learn more about the benefits of BLUE-TAP, PRO-TECT and NYLO-TEC at www.Blue-Tap.com.