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Important Information About Hurricane Shutters in the City of Port St. Lucie

- What:** Houses still shuttered from Hurricane Matthew
- When:** 14 days after Hurricane Matthew
- Where:** The City of Port St. Lucie
- Why:** Hurricane shutters on occupied buildings must be removed no later than fourteen (14) days after the termination of a hurricane event, according to Port St. Lucie City Code. The Code exempts structures used for residential purposes during *the time period between June 1 thru November 30*, where no person is in residence. More than 14 days have now passed since Hurricane Matthew's termination.

Keeping shutters up until the end of Hurricane season can be a major safety and fire hazard with potentially deadly consequences. A fire inside a home with shuttered windows may not be visible until it's too late. It also can prevent people from escaping their home during a fire and cause a barrier for firefighters attempting to enter a home on fire. For more information, call Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services department at 772-871-5010.

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The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 179,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com

