



## *Need to Begin Work Sooner?*

In an effort to help residents and businesses begin construction work sooner and to accelerate the plan review process, the City of Doral Building Department now offers Early Start Permitting & Fire/DERM Concurrent Plan Reviews.

### *Early Start Permitting*

The Florida Building Code allows limited work to start before an official building permit is issued. It allows certain work to commence up to the point an inspection would be required. With the approval of the Building Official, limited work can be performed using a qualified contractor while the permit application and plans are being reviewed.

An applicant may request an Early Start Permit during the regular permit application submittal. An Early Start application and a CD of all documents and plans must be completed and submitted to be considered for the Early Start program. In addition, the applicant will need to have hired a licensed contractor to perform the work. Finally, a Zoning Clearance and DERM approval, if applicable, a pre-construction meeting, and payment of pertinent fees will be required before the approval to proceed with early start is granted.



### *Fire/DERM Concurrent Plan Reviews*

Taking advantage of the Digitized Plan Review that has been in place since November 1, 2006, the Building Department will now be conducting all of our reviews electronically for applicants wishing to participate in the Fire/DERM Concurrent Plan Review Program. Essentially, the hardcopy set will be released back sooner to the applicant for Fire and DERM reviews while we review the electronic copies.

To participate in this program, applicants must submit a CD containing PDF files of plans, calculations, and other documents necessary for the review process, together with the hardcopy set and permit application.

Early Start Permitting and Fire/DERM Concurrent Reviews may be combined to begin construction work much sooner and complete the permitting process quicker.

For more information about Early Start Permitting or Fire/DERM Concurrent Plan Reviews, please visit our website at [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com) or contact the Building Department at (305) 593-6700.

