

WHY FORTIFIED?

FORTIFIED goes beyond building codes to improve performance against natural hazards and reduce the risk of personal property loss.

FORTIFIED Home™ is a nationally recognized building method based on more than 20 years of scientific research and real-world testing by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS).

Your roof provides the first line of defense against the elements and an IBHS FORTIFIED Roof™ provides better protection against severe weather.

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- **Stay dry.** A FORTIFIED Home helps protect your home and personal property from high winds and wind-driven rain.
- Get back home quicker. A FORTIFIED Home may reduce or eliminate time spent out of your home due to water intrusion if the roof is damaged.
- Save money. A FORTIFIED designation may qualify you
 for annual wind mitigation credit that could lower your
 insurance premium. Check with your insurance agent
 for specific policy requirements and potential wind
 mitigation credits in your area.

GET STARTED

- Obtain estimates from roofer(s) on (1) the cost of a typical roof replacement and (2) the cost to upgrade to a FORTIFIED Roof to decided which one is right for you. Provide this checklist to help your roofer know what upgrades are needed for a fortifiedhome.org/homeowner-roof.
- Hire a quality roofer with guidance from this checklist: disastersafety.org/roofs/hiring-a-professional-contractor.
- Select a certified FORTIFIED Evaluator from this directory: fortified.archtest.com/listing.
- IBHS will review documentation submitted by your FORTIFIED Evaluator, and if compliant, you will receive a FORTIFIED Roof designation certificate.





Keep wind and water out and your roof on.



Protect the windows, doors and other openings.



Keep the building tied together.