



RETROFITTING - Protecting your home from hazards

Retrofitting means making changes to existing buildings to protect them from hazards. More information on retrofitting can be found in Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding, FEMA publication 312: available from FEMA Publications 800-480-2520 or <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/mat/fema312.shtm>

WIND-HURRICANES-TORNADOES

The force of a windstorm pushes against the foundation of your home. This force is transferred from your roof to the exterior walls and finally to the foundation. Homes can be damaged or destroyed when the energy from the wind is not properly transferred to the ground.

If you live in an area prone to high winds, make sure your roof is firmly secured to the main frame of the residence. Consider building a wind-safe room or shelter in your home to protect yourself. For more information, see Taking Shelter From the Storm: Building a Safe Room Inside Your House, FEMA publication 320: available from FEMA Publications 800-480-2520 or <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1536>

There are several additional steps you can take to reduce wind damages and losses, including the following:

- ◆ Apply roof bracing using truss bracing, gable end bracing, and hurricane straps.
- ◆ Secure light fixtures and other items that could fall or shake loose in such events.
- ◆ Move heavy or breakable objects to low shelves.
- ◆ Anchor water heaters and bolt them to wall stud.
- ◆ Purchase storm shutters for exterior windows and doors to protect your home against high winds.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To learn more about hazard mitigation measures that you can take to reduce your risk from disasters, visit FEMA's website, <http://www.fema.gov>, or call 1-800-480-2520 to have a list of available mitigation publications mailed to your home or office.

Other hazard mitigation contacts for Iberville Parish include:

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