



Protect What Is Priceless.



High Wind & Hail




The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety's FORTIFIED Home™ - High Wind program helps strengthen homes against the devastating power of severe storms that generate damaging winds and produce large hail. With three levels of designation available, there is a FORTIFIED Home for every budget.

Whether you are buying a new home or upgrading an existing home, you want to know it will be as safe, strong and durable as possible. Homes that earn the FORTIFIED Home designation stand above other homes because they must meet stringent resilient construction requirements set by IBHS. The better performance and better quality built into every FORTIFIED Home is independently inspected by a certified FORTIFIED Home Evaluator. FORTIFIED Home Evaluators work with homeowners and builders throughout the construction and retrofitting process to ensure –

- You have peace of mind knowing that your home has the appropriate resilience upgrades address the hazards where you live.
- Critical construction details are verified at different building and retrofitting stages.
- Prospective buyers know the home was built to the highest severe weather protections standard with a transferable FORTIFIED Home designation.
- Your home will have lower life-cycle and maintenance costs.

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LEVELS OF DESIGNATION

Component/System			
ROOF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof deck is sealed • Roof deck attachment meets program standards • Roof covering condition meets standards • Roof covering is high wind and impact rated* 	✓	✓	✓
SURROUNDINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of all tree branches that overhang the roof 	✓	✓	✓
GABLES OVER 4' TALL (IF APPLICABLE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End walls must have structural sheathing • End walls must be braced to withstand high wind pressures 		✓	✓
CHIMNEYS (IF APPLICABLE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properly attached to structure 		✓	✓
ATTACHED STRUCTURES - PORCHES/CARPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof to beam connected to resist uplift • Beam to column connected to resist uplift • Column to structure anchored to resist uplift 		✓	✓
GARAGE DOORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have adequate design pressure ratings 			✓
CONTINUOUS LOAD PATH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof to wall connections • Wall to floor connections • Floor to foundation connections 			✓

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* Impact rated roof covering is only required in areas where the risk of damaging hail is high. Refer to the Hail Prone Counties Map in the FORTIFIED Home - High Wind & Hail standards.

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