



RESTORE LOUISIANA

Complete the checklist below to use your disaster recovery award to rebuild your house to the FORTIFIED Gold™ standard and get it designated*. FORTIFIED is a beyond-code construction method proven to increase a home's strength and lower insurance costs.



RECONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

Hire a FORTIFIED Evaluator

A FORTIFIED Evaluator is required to meet the FORTIFIED standards and receive state legislated insurance reductions.* If you do not want to achieve a FORTIFIED designation, an evaluator is not required. Evaluators are independent third-party inspectors who provide critical, mandatory compliance verification services. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code for an Evaluator directory.



Use this directory to find an evaluator.

Get 3 Bids

It is a best practice to get at least 3 bids from contractors, but is not required for the Reconstruction Program. The FORTIFIED Home™ 2020 Standard will help any builder understand the steps and materials required to bid your FORTIFIED Home. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code for the standard.



Give this construction standard to your contractor.

*Plans should be signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer registered in Louisiana.

Choose your Builder

Your chosen builder will work with your FORTIFIED Evaluator to ensure your home is built to the FORTIFIED Gold standard. The work will be documented and submitted for a designation. Encourage your builder to take free FORTIFIED courses or get certified. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code.



Contractor training is available online.

*A Louisiana licensed & insured General Contractor is required for all Reconstruction projects.

Shop your Insurance

Louisiana HB 451 (2020) made it possible for you to receive a discount on the wind portion of your home insurance for owning a FORTIFIED Home. It is recommended to price your options with 2-3 insurance companies to find the price and coverage that works best for you.



Use this checklist to help you get the right coverage.

Re-designate in 5 years

If you build a FORTIFIED Home, after five years, look for a letter or call your evaluator to re-designate your house. They will inspect your home to ensure that nothing has compromised its ability to withstand severe weather. This inspection will re-certify your home and allow for continued insurance premium reductions.



Learn more at fortified.org

