



FORTIFIED Home™ is a voluntary construction and re-roofing program designed to strengthen homes against specific severe weather events, including high winds, hurricanes, and tornadoes. The program is centered around a strict construction standard developed by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

after decades of research. In addition to a standard that goes beyond typical building codes, the program also includes a directory of trained contractors and an independent, third-party verification system that ensures the standard has been met.

Based on decades of research,

FORTIFIED helps homeowners

reduce their risk of damage

from severe weather, including
hurricanes and tornadoes.





How It Works:

- Based on their needs and resiliency goals, homeowners choose either FORTIFIED Roof, Silver, or Gold.
- Homeowners assemble their FORTIFIED team by selecting a certified FORTIFIED evaluator and choosing a contractor.
- As the contractor installs the FORTIFIED-required elements that provide extra protection from storms (such as a sealed roof deck, rafter ties, pressure-rated windows, etc.), the FORTIFIED evaluator documents the upgrades.
- The FORTIFIED evaluator then submits a report to the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, which will review the documentation and provide a FORTIFIED designation certificate, if applicable.
- Homeowners know they've given their home its best chance of surviving the next storm.
- Homeowners should also ask their insurance agent if the FORTIFIED designation reduces their premium, as discounts are available in many states.

HOMES BUILT TO THE FORTIFIED STANDARD ARE PROVEN IN LAB TESTING AND REAL-WORLD EVENTS TO OUTPERFORM TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION.





FORTIFIED IS A VOLUNTARY BEYOND-CODE RESILIENT ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The FORTIFIED Home™ standard is a collection of construction upgrades that work together to protect homes from severe weather. Each FORTIFIED solution includes enhancements specifically designed to give homeowners the level of protection they want from the severe weather they face.

The National Standard for Resilient Construction	FORTIFIED Roof	FORTIFIED Silver	FORTIFIED Gold
Enhanced Roof Deck Attachment	✓	√	✓
Sealed Roof Deck	✓	✓	✓
Locked Down Roof Edges	✓	✓	✓
Impact-resistant Shingles Rated "Good" or "Excellent" by IBHS**	✓	✓	✓
Wind & Rain-Resistant Attic Vents	✓	✓	✓
Impact Protection for Windows & Exterior Doors*		✓	✓
Impact* & Pressure-Rated Garage Doors		✓	✓
Chimney Bracing		✓	✓
Reinforced Soffits*		✓	✓
Anchored Attached Structures		✓	✓
Gable End Bracing		√	✓
Pressure-rated Windows & Doors*			✓
Stronger Exterior Sheathing*			✓
Engineered Roof-to-Wall Connections			✓
Engineered Story-to-Story Connections			✓
Engineered Wall-to-Foundation Connections			✓



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