

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY STORM MITIGATION INCENTIVES

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Residential Property Storm Mitigation Incentives

Louisiana encourages residents to reduce losses and strengthen their homes against storms and hurricanes by providing the following incentives:

- Insurance premium discounts for building or updating a home to comply with the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code and for installing mitigation improvements that are proven to reduce windstorm or hurricane damage.
- Insurance premium discounts for building or updating a home to comply with the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) FORTIFIED standards
- Tax deductions for voluntarily updating a home to bring it into compliance with the new building code.
- State sales and use tax exclusions on storm shutter devices for storm and hurricane protection.

Insurance Premium Discounts

Insurers are required to offer premium discounts for wind mitigation improvements or retrofits, in accordance with Act 323 of the 2007 Regular Session.

Such mitigation improvements or construction techniques include, but are not limited to:

- building design
- roof bracing
- secondary water barriers
- opening protection
- roof-to-wall strength
- roof deck attachment
- roof covering and roof covering performance
- wall-to-floor-to-foundation strength
- window, door and skylight strength
- other mitigation improvements and/or construction techniques that the insurer may determine to reduce the risk of loss due to wind

One or two-family owner-occupied homes and modular homes are eligible for premium discounts. Commercial and commercial residential properties with three or more units, mobile homes, and manufactured homes are not eligible. Contact your insurance company or agent for more information about construction techniques and improvements that apply and for information about how to demonstrate proof of mitigation efforts.

The insurer may require completion of the Louisiana Hurricane Loss Mitigation Form or other documentation to demonstrate compliance with the State Uniform Construction Code.

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Inspection and certification must be performed by a building code enforcement officer, registered architect or engineer, or a registered third-party provider authorized by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council to perform building inspections. For a list of registered third-party providers, visit the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council: <http://lsuccc.dps.louisiana.gov/>

Louisiana also provides for insurance discounts and rate reductions for residential and commercial buildings built or retrofitted to the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) FORTIFIED standards, which reduce the threat of windstorm damage.

FORTIFIED is a nationally recognized building method based on more than 20 years of scientific research and real-world testing. Discounts from insurers for FORTIFIED roofs, for both home and commercial standards, were required by Act 1 of the 2023 Regular Session. For more information on FORTIFIED, visit IBHS: <https://fortifiedhome.org/incentives-for-residents-of-louisiana/>.

Tax Deductions

The individual income tax deduction for voluntarily upgrading a home to comply with the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code is an amount equal to 50% of the cost paid or incurred for the upgrade minus the value of any other local, state or federal incentive for the upgrade cost.

To be eligible, the taxpayer must claim the homestead exemption for the home being updated. Rental properties are not eligible.

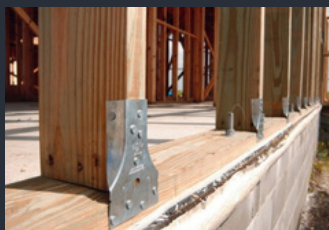
The maximum deduction is \$5,000 and is to be claimed on the tax return for the year in which the upgrade is completed. The taxpayer must submit proof that the upgrade complies with the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, documentation of the upgrade cost and assurance that the upgrade was voluntary.

Sales Tax Exclusions

Homeowners are eligible to receive state sales and use tax exclusions when purchasing storm shutter devices that provide window damage protection from a storm or hurricane. Local governments may also provide tax exclusions.

Action Required

The Louisiana Department of Insurance encourages homeowners to consider building or upgrading their homes and benefit from our state's storm mitigation incentives.



HURRICANE HARDWARE

Tie studs to bottom plate anchored to raised foundation wall.

METAL ROOFING

Hidden fasteners reduce leaks. Extra screws and edge details create 130-mph wind resistance.

SECONDARY WATER RESISTANCE

Roof panel joints are covered with adhesive polymer-modified bitumen tape.

ROOF FRAMING

The rim band is connected to the top plate which is bolted to the cement in the ICF blocks.

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