

WIND SMART

Do-It-Yourself



REINFORCE YOUR RESIDENCE

Retrofitting your home can provide structural updates that didn't exist when it was constructed. For example, a homeowner can install straps to their roof's structural beams to make it strong enough to resist the "uplift" effect of high winds that can cause it to lift and collapse back down on the house.



DEFEND THOSE DOORS

Garage or double-entry doors can fail under wind pressure. Garage doors can be reinforced with girts and by strengthening the wheel tracks. Double-entry doors can be reinforced with a heavy-duty deadbolt, adding slide bolts on one of the doors, and using longer hinge attachments on the door and frame.



GUARD YOUR GLASS

Storm shutters prevent windows from breaking when there is windborne debris. You can also add shatter-resistant film or stormproof high-impact glass to defend glass from breaking.



TRIM AND TIGHTEN

Consider cutting away any dangling tree branches that pose a threat to your home and securing outdoor furniture and fuel tanks that can serve as projectiles during high wind events.



ENSURE YOU'RE FULLY INSURED

Take the time to review your insurance coverages and talk to your agent to ensure your household is adequately insured for high-wind events and other disaster risks in your community.



Be sure to contact your local permitting office before starting work.



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