

Steps to a FORTIFIED Roof™



1 Download the Roofer Checklist

- The checklist makes it easy to understand what is required to get a FORTIFIED Roof. There are two versions of the checklist; **Hurricane** and **High Wind**. Use the risk map included on the download page to help you choose the right checklist!

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2 Find Certified Roofers

- Use our Service Directory to locate FORTIFIED trained roofers and contractors.

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3 Get Three Bids

- ☐ Get proof that roofers and contractors are licensed, bonded, and insured (general liability and workman's comp).
- ☐ Make sure contractors use the **FORTIFIED Re-Roofing Checklist** and include all of the requirements for the "FORTIFIED Roof™ Designation" in their bids.
- ☐ If they don't, or worse, won't do it: get another roofer to give you a quote.
- ☐ Use our **Avoid Contractor Fraud Checklist** to help you avoid fraud.

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4 Work with a FORTIFIED Evaluator

- Use our Service Directory to find an Evaluator!
- Without an Evaluator, you cannot get a FORTIFIED Roof. Your roofer may contact one for you but ask if an Evaluator involved.
- If your roofer doesn't contact an Evaluator, hire one yourself.
- A FORTIFIED Evaluator is a professional who will document the roofing work to ensure your home is designated to meet the FORTIFIED standard.
- A Designation Certificate and a unique ID number will be issued after the work is done to certify your home meets the FORTIFIED standard. Without this certificate, or an Evaluator involved, your home will not be FORTIFIED, and you will not be eligible for any of the benefits of owning a FORTIFIED Home.

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□ Review Your Current Conditions Report

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- This report tells you what needs to be done to get your FORTIFIED Roof. It can also serve as an added scope of work for roofer bids in addition to the [re-roofing checklist](#).



□ Choose Your Roofer

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- While any roofer can do the work (as long as they strictly follow the guidelines) [FORTIFIED Wise Roofers or Professionals](#) are certified and have gone through specialized training to understand how to install FORTIFIED Roofs.



□ Take Action

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- Tell your Roofer and Evaluator you've decided to get a FORTIFIED Roof.
- The Evaluator must be involved in your roof construction from start to finish.
- Connect your Evaluator and roofer by phone, email, text, or in person.
- Your evaluator will ensure your project is documented. They will gather pictures of the work, the products, and the installation. Then they submit a detailed report to IBHS engineers who review and award FORTIFIED Home Designations.



□ Save Money

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- Once you receive your FORTIFIED Home Designation (a certificate), [shop for your insurance](#) and [save money on your insurance](#)!
- Get three to five insurance quotes; you may be surprised at the savings available.
- Once you decide on an insurer, give them a copy of your FORTIFIED Designation certificate to start saving money on your home or wind insurance.
- *Your savings will vary based on where you live and your insurer.*

