Did you know that you can improve your home’s

HIGH WIND PROTECTION

when building or rebuilding?
4 Tips for Protecting Your Home from High Winds

1. When re-roofing your house, make sure the roof sheathing is well connected to the roof framing.

2. If interior wallboard and ceilings have been removed, add hurricane straps, specialty screws, plates, hurricane clips, and masonry anchors for greater wind resistance.

3. If your home’s roof structure uses rafters instead of trusses, make sure the rafters on opposite sides of the roof ridge are properly connected to each other using a board (collar tie) that is fastened to each of the opposing rafters and located within a few feet of the ridge board. At least every other set of opposing rafters should have a collar tie helping to hold the two sides of the roof together.

4. If soffit covers are being replaced or reinstalled with better connections to prevent their blowing off in a storm, it may be possible to use that opening for access to strengthen the connections between the ends of the roof trusses or rafters and the top of the wall below using hurricane straps. It is ok to install the strap on top of any wall sheathing that is on the outside of the wall – just use regular length nails instead of the short ones usually used to apply hurricane straps.

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