

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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