

# Making Your Home More Efficient and Resilient

Taking steps to improve your home's energy efficiency and resilience to natural hazards can help ensure it stays affordable, safe and comfortable for years to come.

From actions as simple as swapping out lightbulbs or making an emergency weather plan, to larger investments such as installing energy-efficient appliances or replacing your roof, there are solutions to fit any budget and any type of home.

With these resources from My Home by Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup>, you can make informed decisions that will help you improve the energy efficiency of your home and better weather natural disasters.

# Learn How to Improve Your Home's Energy Efficiency

By improving the energy efficiency of your home, you can lower your electricity costs and make your home more comfortable. Explore these resources from My Home to learn how even small upgrades can have a big impact.

#### **Did You Know**

You could save \$200-\$400 each year by making energy-efficient upgrades, according to <u>energy.gov</u>.

## Resources for Homeowners

- 6 Simple Ways to Save Energy and Water in Your Home
- How You Can Make Your Home More Energy- and Water-Efficient
- Why You Should Consider a Home Energy Audit
- <u>Do Energy-Efficient Improvements Increase Resale Value?</u>

## Resource for Homebuyers

• 3 Tips for Buying an Energy- and Water-Efficient Home

## Additional Resources

- Find more resources on saving energy and using renewable energy technologies at home at <u>energy.gov</u>.
- Find <u>rebates</u> and <u>tax credits</u> that could help offset of the costs of these upgrades at <u>energystar.gov</u> and the <u>IRS website</u>.
- Learn about going solar with the energy.gov <u>Homeowner's</u> Guide to Going Solar.

## Resource for Homeowners and Homebuyers

• What Is an Energy-Efficient Mortgage and How Do I Get One?

#### **Resources for Renters**

- What to Look for in an Energy-Efficient Rental
- 4 Easy Ways You Can Lower Your Apartment Bills



How much do you know about the benefits of improving your home's energy efficiency?

Take our quiz to find out. Quiz me



# Learn How to Improve Your Home's Resilience

Your home can better withstand extreme weather if you invest in improvements such as elevating and protecting your utilities and fortifying your roof.

Learn more with these resources from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- Protect Your Property from Severe Winds
- Protect Your Home from Flooding
- Avoiding Wildfire Damage: A Checklist for Homeowners



# Learn How to Prepare for and Respond to Natural Disasters

Taking steps now to prepare for a natural disaster can help ensure your family and your home are safe if extreme weather strikes your community. Explore these resources from My Home to learn about preparing and responding to disasters.

### **Did You Know**

Nearly one-third of homes in the U.S. are at a high risk from natural disasters, according to CoreLogic.

### **Resources for Everyone**

- Are You Financially Prepared for an Emergency?
- Emergency Preparedness: The Key Documents You Need
- Common Scams After a Disaster and How to Avoid Them

## Resource for Homebuyers

 What to Know Before Buying a Home at Higher Risk of a Natural Disaster

## **Resources for Renters**

 What Renters Should Know About Natural Disasters

# Additional Resources

- Make sure you know the disaster risks for your community with the <u>FEMA National</u> Risk Index.
- Learn more about how to prepare your family and your home for a natural disaster at <u>ready.gov</u>.

## **Resources for Homeowners**

- Protecting Your Investment with Home Insurance
- Is Your Home Insured for a Natural Disaster?
- How Home Renovations Can Product You from Natural Hazards
- How to Prepare Your Home for a Hurricane
- How to Prepare Your Home for a Tornado
- How to Prepare Your Home for a Wildfire
- Help After a Natural Disaster
- <u>Disaster Relief and Mortgage Assistance FAQ</u>
- 3 Steps to Help You Recover from a Disaster
- What to Know About Coming Out of Disaster Forbearance



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