



Disaster-Smart

Inspection Consulting

The Leader in Coastal Risk Solutions

Inspections: "You get what you inspect, not what you expect."™

*Please note that your certificate is valid for **5 years**, review your certificate to be aware of the expiration date. Certificates must be renewed every 5 years and any alterations to the structure may void the designation.*

Contact **DISASTER SMART** **BEFORE** making any improvements, repairs, additions, or reroofing their property.

By following the FORTIFIED™ standard, the contractor has used the most up-to-date building science available to give the property the best chance of survival during a severe weather event. The series of upgrades included in the standard work together to create a layered system of safeguards that help to prevent cascading damage. Changes to the FORTIFIED™ home can interfere with this system of protection and leave it vulnerable. For example, adding or replacing a skylight can void the certification.

This will jeopardize the FORTIFIED™ designation and any insurance discounts it provides. Larger modifications like tying a covered porch into the roof or installing (even partially) a new roof can have massive impacts on a home's resilience to storms if not documented by an evaluator to meet the FORTIFIED Standards at time of construction.

In fact, **a FORTIFIED™ designation must be renewed anytime alterations or repairs affect the original certification of the structure or roofing system.** To ensure that modifications or additions don't impact the home's FORTIFIED™ certification contact **Disaster Smart** before making any changes.

Note: Structural repairs, replacements, or additions to any part of the home, including the following can void your certification:

Roofs - Attic Ventilation - Windows or Door Shutter Systems – Windows, Skylights and Doors - Garage Doors- Additions/Enclosing porches

Visit www.gofortified.com for more information.

****Don't void your certificate! Call 888-964-8776 ext. 2 before making any changes or additions to your FORTIFIED™ Home****

