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Ensuring Renewal of a Gold FORTIFIED Home®

A **Gold FORTIFIED Home®** designation enhances resilience against severe weather and may lower insurance premiums. To maintain this status, homeowners must renew their certificate every **five years** and ensure compliance with **FORTIFIED** standards.

Steps for Renewal:

1. Perform Regular Inspections & Maintenance

- **Annual Home Check**: Inspect the roof, walls, and foundation; hire a **FORTIFIED Evaluator** if needed.
- **Roof Maintenance**: Ensure the cover, deck attachment, and sealed roof deck remain intact. Repairs require a certified **FORTIFIED roofer** with **FORTIFIED**-approved materials.
- **Window & Door Protection**: Test hurricane impact protection, label locations, store them properly, and inspect garage doors for damage.
- **Load Path Integrity**: Use approved fasteners and connectors in repairs and renovations

2. Maintain Proper Documentation

- Consult a **FORTIFIED Evaluator** before any modifications. All renovations/additions must be made with a certified **FORTIFIED contractor**. A **FORTIFIED evaluator** must document the process.
- Keep **detailed records** of repairs, materials, and permits to ensure compliance.

3. Submit Renewal Documentation

- A certified **FORTIFIED Evaluator** must inspect the home.
- Provide geo-tagged photos and proof of repairs or maintenance to **IBHS** for renewal.

What Can Prevent Renewal?

- **Non-Compliant Repairs**: Unauthorized additions (e.g., sunrooms, altered doors with glass or pet doors).
- **Late To Renew**: Neglecting to renew for greater than 10 years will prevent a new certificate from being issued.
- **Roof Issues**: A deteriorating or non-compliant roof prevents renewal.
- **Structural Modifications**: Changes weakening the **load path** can disqualify the home.
- **Incomplete Documentation**: Missing permits or receipts can halt approval.

Stay Proactive & Compliant:

Maintaining your **Gold FORTIFIED Home®** (as well as Silver & Roof designations) requires ongoing diligence. Regular inspections and proper documentation will ensure continued compliance and resilience.