



North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program

Program Description

- * A homeowner or developer can be reimbursed for ½ the cost of an individual safe room in an existing or planned home up to a cap of \$3,000.
- * Safe Rooms must be National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) or American Tornado Shelter Association (ATSA) approved to qualify for reimbursement.

Program Funding

- * Safe room rebates are funded with Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants.
- * This regional project is being funded by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).



What is a Safe Room?

- * In accordance to FEMA guidance:
A safe room is a hardened structure specifically designed to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) criteria and provide "near-absolute protection" in extreme weather events, including tornadoes and hurricanes.



Types of Safe Rooms

- * In-ground
- * Above ground
- * Indoors
- * Outdoors



<http://www.nachi.org/safe-rooms.htm>

<http://incrediblehome.net/storms-safe-rooms-why-it-is-important/>

<http://www.newson6.com>

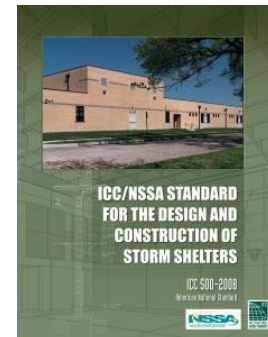
<http://www.houselogic.com>

Guidance

- * FEMA Publication 320 *Taking Shelter From the Storm.*
- * ICC 500 *Standards for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters.*



Taking Shelter From the Storm:
Building a Safe Room for Your Home or Small Business
Includes Construction Plans and Cost Estimates
FEMA P-320 Third Edition / August 2009
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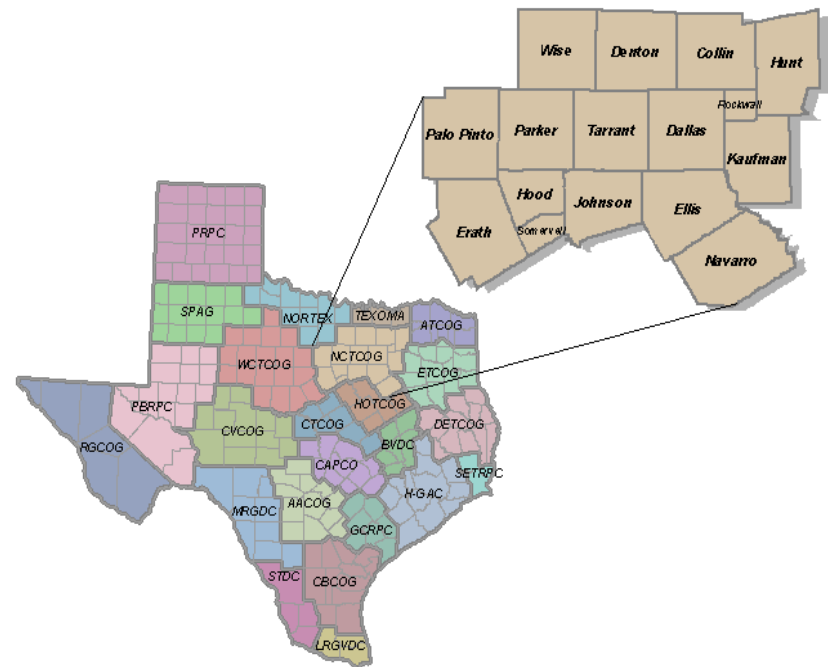
**ICC/NSSA STANDARD
FOR THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF
STORM SHELTERS**

ICC 500-2009
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Eligible Counties

- * All jurisdictions within the 16 county NCTCOG service area may apply.



Eligible Applicants



- * Owner occupants, builders, and developers
 - * Builders and developers will be capped at 3 safe rooms each.
- * Owner must be living, building or developing within an eligible county.
- * Properties in **FEMA/ local floodplains** do not qualify.

Ineligible Structures

- * Townhomes
- * Condos
- * Duplexes, Triplexes, Fourplexes
- * Apartments
- * High rises
- * Lofts



45-Year Threshold

- * Due to the North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program being a FEMA funded project, structures **45 years or older require a Texas Historic Commission review**. This process will be conducted by NCTCOG on behalf of the applicant.
- * Being a historic property **DOES NOT** make the structure ineligible for funding.

NCTCOG Contractor Clause

NCTCOG does not endorse any one particular contractor or vendor. The applicant may choose a member contractor from one of the approved organizations at their own discretion.

Approved Contractor Associations



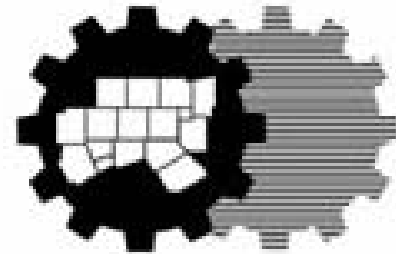
- * Formed to ensure the highest quality of manufactured and constructed storm shelters.
- * [Producer Member Roster](#)
- * 1-877-700-NSSA (6772)



- * Fully tested to meet or exceed FEMA 320 standards.
- * [Approved Producers / Installers List](#)
- * 806-477-0782

Application Process

- * Applications are not being accepted at this time.
- * Citizens can sign up for the program waitlist at nctsaferoom.com
 - * Applicants will be emailed when they are moved from the waitlist to the program list.



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Award Process



- * On a first come first serve basis.
- * Approximately 30 safe rooms per county are available.

Reimbursement

- * Applicant will receive direct reimbursement from NCTCOG
 - * This may take approximately 3-6 months after safe room is complete and applicant has submitted final documents.
- * Applicant may request an one-time extension from NCTCOG if they cannot complete the safe room installation within 3 months of receiving their award packet.

Questions?

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