



Metro 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 approved (ATSA) 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 the 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



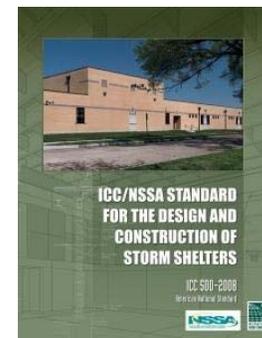
<http://www.nachi.org/safe-rooms.htm>
<http://incrediblehome.net/storms-safe-rooms-why-it-is-important/>
<http://www.newson6.com>
<http://www.houselogic.com>

Guidance

- * FEMA Publications 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 2008
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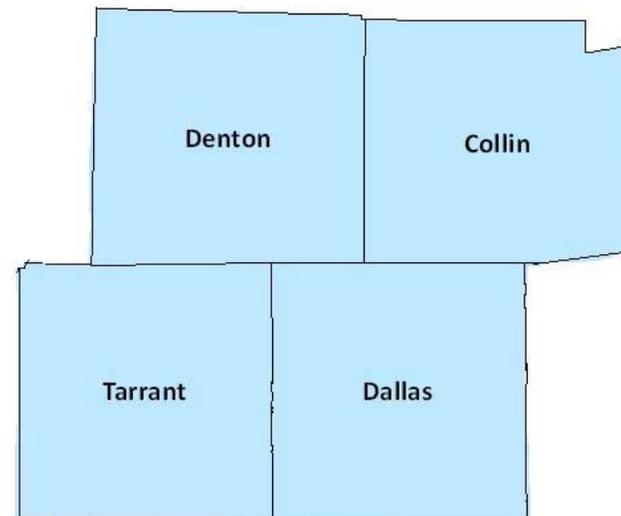
**ICC/NSSA STANDARD
FOR THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF
STORM SHELTERS**

ICC 500-2008
March 2008 Edition



Current Eligible Counties

- * All jurisdictions within the four eligible counties may apply



Eligible Applicants



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

Ineligible Structures

- * Townhome
- * Condo
- * Duplex, Triplex, Fourplex
- * Apartments
- * High rise
- * Lofts



45 Year Threshold

- * Due to the Metro 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
- * Historic properties **DO NOT** make the structure ineligible for federal funding

NCTCOG Contractor Clause

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

Approved Contractor Associations



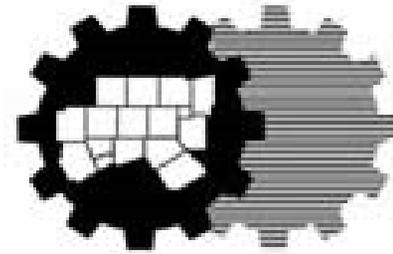
- * Formed to ensure the highest quality of manufactured and constructed storm shelters
- * [Producer Member Roster](#)
- * 1 877-700-NSSA (6772)



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

Application Process

- * Online application through North Central Texas Council of Government website
- * Applicants will create a user profile as their application and attach required documents



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Award Process



- * On a first come first serve basis
- * Appx. 110 safe rooms per county available

Reimbursement

- * Applicant will receive direct reimbursement from NCTCOG
 - * This may take approx. 2 months after safe room is complete and submission of final documents
- * Applicant may request an extension from NCTCOG if they cannot complete the safe room installation in 3 months

Questions?

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