

Premium Discounts for Hurricane Loss Mitigation

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The risk of loss from a hurricane is something that each Floridian faces. We know that hurricanes cannot be prevented, but many Floridians are not aware there are things they can do to better protect their property from damage or destruction. Certain construction techniques and features are very effective in protecting your property. If your property has these unique characteristics, you may qualify for a **discount on your property insurance premiums**.

What are the some of the construction techniques and features?

There are many different construction techniques and features. Some of the most common generally fall into one of the categories listed in below.

<p>2001 Florida Building Code Compliance (FBC)</p> <p>Homes built in compliance with the 2001 Florida Building Code receive a significant discount as a result of the features required by the new code.</p> <p>How do I get this discount: (companies to provide answer) For dwellings permitted before March 1, 2002, applicants or insureds must submit a Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit to qualify for credits; the Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit may be completed by a licensed building contractor, registered architect or engineer, or building code official; for dwellings permitted March 1, 2002, and after, credits will apply based on application of the Florida Building Code for the territory in which the dwelling is located, subject to the company's right to request verification of construction features</p>	<p>Up to 45%</p>
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<p>Roof Shape</p> <p>Hip Roof – A roof that is sloped on all four sides like a pyramid.</p> <p>Other roof shapes</p> <p>How do I get this discount? (companies to provide answer) An applicant or insured may submit a Windstorm Loss Mitigation Credit Verification Affidavit addressing roof shape as well as other windstorm loss mitigation features; the Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit must be completed by a licensed building contractor, registered architect or engineer, or building code official; alternatively, credits for roof shape may be requested by submitting pictures showing the entire roof line of the dwelling together with a signed, written statement from the applicant or insured affirming that the pictures presented depict the insured dwelling</p>	<p>Up to 43%</p> <p>Up to 43%</p>
<p>Opening Protection</p> <p>Shutters</p> <p>Special/Impact Resistant glass</p> <p>How do I get this discount: (companies to provide answer) An applicant or insured seeking credits must submit a Windstorm Loss Mitigation Credit Verification Affidavit; the Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit must be completed by a licensed building contractor, registered architect or engineer, or building code official</p>	<p>Up to 43%</p> <p>Up to 43%</p>
<p>Roof Deck Attachment</p> <p>6d nails or screws 8d nails or screws Dimensional lumber</p> <p>How do I get this discount: (companies to provide answer) An applicant or insured may submit a Windstorm Loss Mitigation Credit Verification Affidavit addressing roof shape as well as other windstorm loss mitigation features; the Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit must be completed by a licensed building contractor, registered architect or engineer, or building code official</p>	<p>Up to 43%</p>
<p>Roof Covering</p> <p>Asphalt shingles Wood shingles Clay or concrete tiles Metal panels Other roof covering</p> <p>How do I get this discount: (companies to provide answer) An applicant or insured may submit a Windstorm Loss Mitigation Credit Verification Affidavit addressing roof shape as well as other windstorm loss mitigation features; the Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit must be completed by a licensed building contractor, registered architect or engineer, or building code official</p>	<p>Up to 43%</p>
<p>Roof to Wall Connectors</p> <p>Clips Single or Double Wraps Toe Nails/Screws Structurally Connected Other roof to wall connectors</p> <p>How do I get this discount: (companies to provide answer) An applicant or insured may submit a Windstorm Loss Mitigation Credit Verification Affidavit addressing roof shape as well as other windstorm loss mitigation features; the Windstorm Loss Reduction Credit Verification Affidavit must be completed by a licensed building contractor, registered architect or engineer, or building code official</p>	<p>Up to 43%</p>

Calculating Your Discount

There are several important facts that you must understand prior to estimating any discounts to which you may be entitled. They are as follows:

First, the discounts for the construction techniques and features listed above are not cumulative. In other words, **you simply cannot add up the above items to arrive at your discount.** These construction techniques and features work together and your total discount is a function of all the property's features;

Second, as noted above, some of these construction techniques and features require independent certification from a licensed expert;

Finally, your policy premiums are generally separated into two parts, the “wind” portion and the “non-wind” portion. Any applicable discounts are applied only against the “wind” portion of your premium.

Now that we understand a little more about the application of the discounts, lets look at some examples. All of the examples below are for a residential structure. The policy premium is assumed to be \$1,000 prior to any discounts; the “wind” portion is \$600 and the “non-wind” portion is \$400.

Example #1

Construction techniques and features for a home constructed in 2003 located within 1,500 feet of the coastline:

- Complies with the minimum requirements of the 2001 Florida Building Code
- No Shutters
- No Hip Roof Shape

Applicable discount based on the techniques and features discount is 40 %

Policy Premium \$1000

Less (discount of 40 % X “wind” premium = (\$600)

New Policy Premium after discounts \$760

Example #2

Construction techniques and features for a home constructed in 2003 located within 1,500 feet of the coastline:

- Complies with the minimum requirements of the 2001 Florida Building Code
- Shutters
- Hip Roof Shape

Applicable discount based on the techniques and features discount is 43 %

Policy Premium \$1000

Less (discount of 43 % X “wind” premium = (\$600)

New Policy Premium after discounts \$742

Example #3

Construction techniques and features for a home constructed in 1999 located within 1,500 feet of the coastline:

- Asphalt shingles connected with 6d nails
- No Shutters
- No Hip Roof Shape

Applicable discount based on the techniques and features discount is 14 %

Policy Premium \$1000

Less (discount of 14 % X "wind" premium of \$600)(\$xxxx)

New Policy Premium after discounts \$916

Example #4

Construction techniques and features for a home constructed in 1999 located within 1,500 feet of the coastline:

- Asphalt shingles connected with 6d nails
- Shutters
- Hip Roof Shape

Applicable discount based on the techniques and features discount is 38 %

Policy Premium \$1000

Less (discount of 38 % X "wind" premium of \$600)(\$xxxx)

New Policy Premium after discounts \$772

Summary

These examples represent only a few of the many possible combinations of construction techniques and features that exist. There may additional construction techniques and features that are not listed on this form because they are not common in residential construction. If you have further questions about the construction techniques and features herein or other construction techniques and features that could result in a discount, please contact your agent or the company at 800-425-9113.

Comments:

Examples are illustrative using certain assumptions about the insured dwelling; Example 1 includes Terrain Exposure B or C with FBC Wind Speed \geq 120 MPH with Secondary Water Resistance, Enclosed or Partially Enclosed Internal Pressure Design in a Wind Borne Debris Region; Example 2 applies the same criteria with a hip roof and opening protections and with an "other" roof deck or dimensional lumber deck; Example 3 assumes a non-FBC Equivalent Roof Cover, Double Wraps and Secondary Water Resistance in Terrain C; Example 4 uses the same criteria as Example 3, but with hurricane grade shutters and hip roof; discounts will vary depending on location, construction, and mitigation factors