



# 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

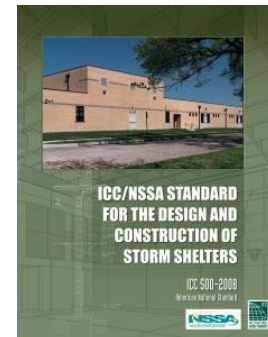


# Guidance

- \* 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



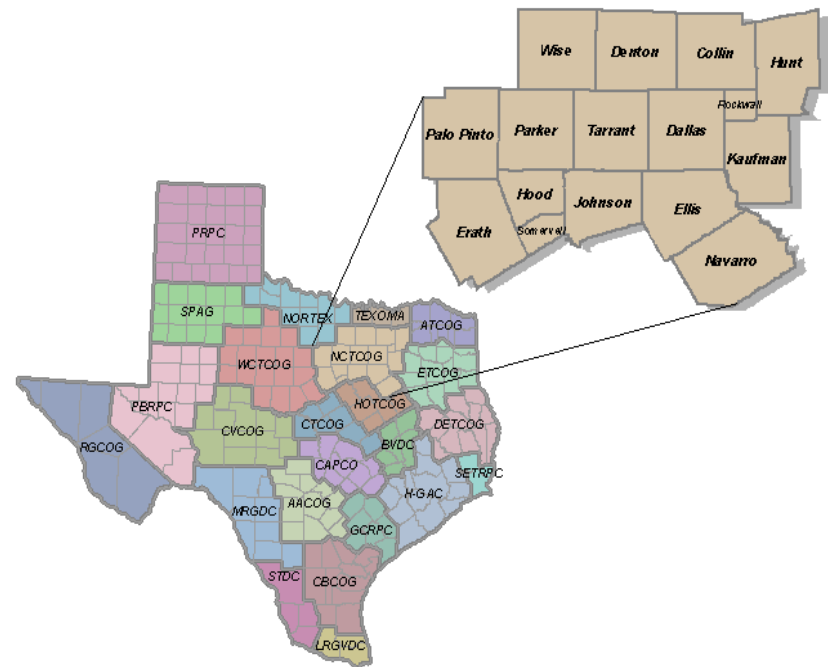
**ICC/NSSA STANDARD  
FOR THE DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF  
STORM SHELTERS**

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



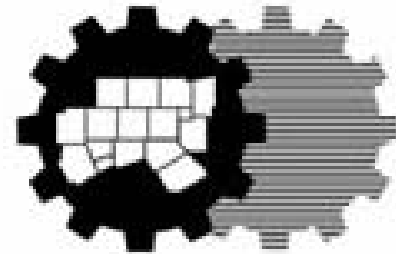
- \* Formed to ensure the highest quality of manufactured and constructed storm shelters.
- \* [Producer Member Roster](#)
- \* 1-877-700-NSSA (6772)



- \* 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](http://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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