



Wind Mitigation Checklist

No Cost / Low Cost Mitigation Options

Residents in the Hartford Capital Region can reduce injuries and damage caused by the wind by using some or all of the following mitigation techniques:

Modifications to the Home

- Repair loose or damaged roof shingles and flashing
- Install impact-resistant and wind-resistant shingles and roof materials
- Install hurricane straps on roof-to-wall and wall-to-wall connections
- Secure flags, decorations, signs, exterior lighting, and other external equipment or features
- Ensure windows can sustain pressure of 50 lbs/square foot (rating should be indicated in a lower corner)
- Support exterior doors with minimum of 3 hinges and a deadbolt
- Support double doors with header and footer deadbolts or a center post
- Install shutters on windows and doors
- Consider moving electrical service lines underground

Non-structural Mitigation Measures

- Secure carports, canopies, and overhangs with anchors and/or bolts
- Install surge protectors
- Purchase and hardwire a generator

Agriculture

- Plant or build wind breaks for crops and livestock