

Potential Safe Room Installation Assistance from FEMA for Montague County Residents

- Safe room means either a safe room or a storm cellar, above ground or in ground
- Safe rooms must meet FEMA P-320 and P-361 standards, as well as comply with ICC 500-2014 requirements
- Participation in the program is voluntary
- All residents in unincorporated areas of the county (excludes Bowie, Nocona, and Saint Jo) are eligible to participate in the program
- Resident must own the property, which must be either a single-family residence or a duplex; no multi-tenant installations. Must furnish proof of ownership, such as a copy of a deed.
- Owner must agree to allow the location of the storm shelter to be registered with the county emergency management team
- Installation cannot begin until after receiving approval from the county. Prior installations are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Resident must bear the full expense of installation, then be reimbursed. Installation must also pass an inspection by a county official.
- You must furnish receipts for purchase and installation of the storm shelter, a copy of your cancelled check, and certification of meeting FEMA standards to be reimbursed. Reimbursement will take several weeks.
- Reimbursement is a MAXIMUM of \$3,000.00 or 50% of installation, whichever is LOWER (Example: you spend \$10,000 and you will get reimbursed \$3,000; you spend \$5,000 and you will get reimbursed \$2,500). Remember, you must pay in full and wait to be reimbursed.

- There are no deadlines for participation, but there are only 100 installations available for reimbursement
- Completing an application does not guarantee your participation in the program. The county will qualify all applicants, and notify you if you are accepted into the program.
- If interested in participating in the program, complete the application at this link [Storm Shelter Application](#) and email it to fema@co.montague.tx.us.