

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Protecting The Value Of Your Home

(NAPSA)—Being prepared for the worst may help homeowners get the best resale value for their properties.

Economists found making a house disaster resistant can make it more desirable to potential buyers and increase its value. The Institute for Business & Home Safety offers the following tips to increase your home's protection:



Making your home disaster resistant can protect it from the elements and increase its resale value.

Tornadoes and Hurricanes

- Replace gravel and rock landscaping material with shredded bark.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Remove weak branches and trees that could fall on your house.
- Be prepared to protect windows and doors with shutters or plywood.
- Make sure doors are properly bolted.

Wildfires

- Install ¼-inch, non-combustible screens over vent or eave openings.
- Space trees at least 10 feet apart.
- Remove dead trees and shrubs, properly dispose of waste.

Water Damage

- Repair all leaks and cracks around windows and doors and in walls and roofs.
- Direct exhaust vents to the exterior, not the attic.
- Keep your home's humidity to a minimum.

For more detailed information, visit www.ibhs.org.