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News Release

FEMA Specialists to Offer Mitigation Tips in Anchorage, Eagle River, Wasilla

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – FEMA mitigation specialists will visit home improvement stores in Anchorage, Eagle River and Wasilla **March 18-23** to provide advice on how to repair and rebuild structures safer and stronger, and general tips to help Alaskans prepare for the next earthquake.

The specialists will also offer home improvement tips and share proven methods to prevent or reduce damage from a disaster. Most of the information and free publications are aimed at general contractors and those willing to take on do-it-yourself projects.

A federal disaster was declared after the Nov. 30 Cook Inlet earthquake, making the state of Alaska eligible for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Mitigation specialists will cover such topics as securing/strapping/anchoring utilities and large appliances, and protecting your personal property from earthquake damage.

Mitigation events schedule:

Location	Time
Home Depot 515 E. Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99503	March 18-23: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Spensard Builders Supply 17320 Northgate Dr. Eagle River, AK 99577	March 18-22: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Alaska Industrial Hardware 751 W. Commercial Dr. Wasilla, AK 99654	March 18-23: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Alaska Industrial Hardware 2716 Commercial Dr. Anchorage, AK 99501	March 18-23: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Rebuilding properly with the best technical guidance and using tested techniques will assure that homes are more resistant to disasters.

For more information on Alaska's disaster recovery, visit [FEMA.gov/disaster/4413](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4413), [Twitter.com/FEMARegion10](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion10) and [Facebook.com/FEMA](https://www.facebook.com/FEMA).

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has faced discrimination, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (FEMA), voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.