#### **Choosing a** FORTIFIED Home<sup>™</sup> ensures –

- You have peace of mind knowing your home has the appropriate resilience upgrades that address the hazards where you live.
- Critical construction details are verified by certified professionals during the manufacturing, setting and final completion of your home.
- You can show prospective buyers your home was built to the highest severe weather protections standard with a transferable FORTIFIED Home designation.



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The National Standard for **Resilient Construction** 

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Home™



Manufactured and modular homes that earn the FORTIFIED Home™ label stand above other homes because they must meet stringent resilient construction requirements set by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS).

The better performance and better quality built into every FORTIFIED factory built home is independently inspected by a certified FORTIFIED Home third party certification program, approved by IBHS, to ensure it meets FORTIFIED Home resilient construction guidelines.

Only FORTIFIED Home-labeled manufactured and modular homes are eligible to receive a FORTIFIED Home Bronze, Silver or Gold designation certificate.

# PHASES OF FORTIFIED HOME DESIGNATION PROCESS FOR MODULAR/ MANUFACTURED HOMES:

#### PHASE 1 – COMPLETED BY THE MANUFACTURER

The manufacturer of your FORTIFIED Home has undergone a rigorous plant certification process and has earned the distinction of being able to label its homes as FORTIFIED. Once your new modular or manufactured home has been built, it will be labeled as a FORTIFIED Home before the home is delivered to the homesite.

### PHASE 2 – COMPLETED BY THE HOME SETTING COMPANY

The next phase takes place when the home is delivered and "set" on your lot. The FORTIFIED-labeled home must meet stringent criteria to ensure it is "set" properly on a permanent foundation. Once installation is verified by the home setting company, it will be labeled with a FORTIFIED Field Installation Label.

# PHASE 3 – COMPLETED BY THE BUILDER OR HOMEOWNER

The final phase of the FORTIFIED Home designation process occurs once the home is ready to be occupied. Either you or your builder will select an approved FORTIFIED Home Evaluator (a directory can be found at <a href="https://www.disastersafety.org/fortified-home">www.disastersafety.org/fortified-home</a>) to conduct a final evaluation. Any post-installation work completed by the builder will be reviewed and verified for compliance with FORTIFIED Home requirements. The evaluator submits critical compliance data to IBHS, and a FORTIFIED Home designation certificate will be issued.

# **Levels of Designation**

COMPONENT/SYSTEM	BRONZE	FORTIFED HOME SILVER	GOLD	
<ul> <li>ROOF</li> <li>Roof deck is sealed</li> <li>Roof deck attachment meets program standards</li> <li>Roof covering condition meets standards</li> </ul>	•	•	•	
<ul> <li>ATTIC VENTILATION</li> <li>Roof mounted vents are high wind rated</li> <li>Soffit vents will resist water intrusion</li> <li>Gable overhangs and vents properly constructed</li> <li>Gable end vents are protected against water intrusion</li> </ul>	•	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	
GABLES OVER 4' TALL - EXTERIOR (IF APPLICABLE)  • Must have structural sheathing	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	
OPENINGS  • Impact protected with an approved system		<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	
ATTACHED STRUCTURES - PORCHES/CARPORTS Roof to beam connected to resist uplift Beam to column connected to resist uplift Column to structure anchored to resist uplift		•	•	
GABLES OVER 4' TALL- BRACING (IF APPLICABLE)  • Braced to withstand high wind pressures		<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	
CHIMNEYS (IF APPLICABLE) • Properly attached to structure			<b>V</b>	
OPENINGS  • Have adequate design pressure ratings			<b>/</b>	
CONTINUOUS LOAD PATH  • Roof to wall connections  • Wall to floor connections  • Floor to foundation connections	%-26K		<b>/</b>	