Operation Blue Roof Program Managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for FEMA A free program for Homeowners

Operation Blue Roof is a priority mission managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The purpose of Operation Blue Roof is to provide homeowners in disaster areas with fiber-reinforced sheeting to cover their damaged roofs until arrangements can be made for permanent repairs. This is a free service to homeowners.

Operation Blue Roof protects property, reduces temporary housing costs, and allows residents to remain in their homes while recovering from the storm.

The program is named Operation Blue Roof because of the blue plastic sheeting used. Residents sign up for the program at a "Right of Entry" center throughout the affected area. "Right of Entry" centers are named for the form that residents fill out granting permission for the Corps of Engineers and its agents to go onto individual properties to install the temporary roof. Residents can call toll free 1-888-ROOF-BLU (1-888-766-3258) or visit: www. usace.army.mil and click on "Response and Recovery Operations."

This program is for primary residences or a permanently occupied rental properties with less than 50 percent structural damage. Vacation rental properties are not eligible. Once the blue roof is installed, the structure must be habitable. Furthermore, not all roof types qualify for the program. Roofs that are flat or made of metal or clay, slate or asbestos tile do not qualify. All storm debris must be removed for the roof to qualify.