

# Fact Sheet: Temporary Roofing Can Help Get You Home

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated that Hurricane Maria severely damaged or destroyed more than 60,000 roofs in Puerto Rico. A temporary roofing program, known as The Blue Roof Program is available to all residents who have a damaged roof. Here are some of the facts about participating in this program:

- **Registration is required:** A form must be completed known as an ROE, Right of Entry. This allows a contractor, chosen by the Army Corps, access to work on the home. ROE centers are being set up around Puerto Rico to make completion easier and faster. To date, 7,528 ROEs have been processed.
- **Contractors install blue roofs:** The blue roofs are installed by a licensed contractor. The sheeting is secured by using strips of wood fastened with nails or screws and are designed to last 30 days.
- **Services are free of charge:** There is no cost for getting the blue roof servicing done to properties with less than 50% damage, where it is a primary residence or a landlord –tenant relationship, as long as the owner applies. Vacation rental properties and second homes are not eligible.
- **Stay in your home:** A temporary roof repair may allow residents to stay at home, instead of having to pay for housing or hotels.
- **Protect your house:** Homes that have been damaged by the storm, need protection to reduce further damage and allow time for the homeowner to make repairs.

**Contact the Corps of Engineers about blue roofs:** 1-888-ROOF-BLU (1-888-766-3258) or visit [http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/bluroof\\_espanol/](http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/bluroof_espanol/) or visit the website (<http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/BlueRoof/>) for more information on temporary roofing.

**Tarps are also being offered:** FEMA provides tarps to the local municipalities. Residents may receive these free blue tarps by contacting their local Mayor's office or City Hall.



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San Juan, Puerto Rico -- Aerial view of "Blue roofs," installed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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