

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA begin Operation Blue Roof in Florida

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Tallahassee, FL – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has been tasked by FEMA to assist eligible homeowners with temporary roof repairs. The program, named Operation Blue Roof, provides a temporary covering of blue plastic sheeting to help reduce further damage to property until permanent repairs can be made. The blue plastic sheeting is installed using strips of wood that are secured to the roof with nails or screws.

Only primary residences that have standard shingled roofs are eligible to receive a temporary blue roof. Metal roofs and mobile homes will be considered for the program, as practical on a case by case basis. Roofs with greater than 50 percent structural damage are not eligible for this program.

This program is available at no cost to eligible primary homeowners in Bay County. Renters must obtain legal permission to continue occupying the residence until more permanent repairs are made.

Homeowners must sign a Right of Entry (ROE) form to allow government employees and contractors onto their property to assess damage and install the temporary covering. ROE collection centers will be set up by Corps teams in convenient neighborhood locations. Daily updates will be provided on collection center locations.

Right of Entry collection centers are located at:

Panama City Square

525 W 23rd Street
Panama City, FL

Walmart

15495 Panama City Beach Pkwy
Panama City Beach, FL



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Lowes

11751 Panama City Beach Pkwy
Panama City Beach, FL

Centers are open from 8am-6pm CDT daily. Additional locations may be added as necessary.

"Our goal is to provide assistance to eligible homeowners as quickly as possible," said Col. Andrew Kelly, USACE Jacksonville District commander. "We recognize the urgency of this mission and are ramping up our capability to provide this service until we meet the needs of those impacted."

Current information is available on the Jacksonville District Web site at www.usace.army.mil/blueroot and at **888-ROOF-BLU** (888-766-3258). Information is provided in both English and Spanish through this single number.

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