

Operation Blue Roof right of entry collection extended to Nov. 16, Corps warns homeowners to beware of fraudulent programs

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – At the request of the State of Florida and FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to collect Right of Entry (ROE) forms for Operation Blue Roof through next Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

In addition USACE warns homeowners of fraudulent programs that may be representing themselves as Operation Blue Roof. "If anyone approaches you asking for money for a blue roof, that is not our program. Operation Blue Roof is free at no cost to homeowners," said Lt. Col. Richard Gussenhoven, USACE Task Force Michael Commander.

Homeowners who may suspect they are being scammed should contact FEMA (866-720-5721, TTY 844-889- 4357), the Corps (888-766-3258) or local law enforcement. Homeowners may also report fraud in person at any ROE collection center.

Signs of fraud may include:

- No USACE quality assurance assessment
- No USACE contractor with valid work order
- Asking for payment
- Soliciting by paper applications

For survivors seeking a blue roof, the ROE forms can be submitted online at www.usace.army.mil/bluerroof or in person at any ROE collection site until 5 p.m. local time for their locations.



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Eligibility requirements

- Only primary residences with standard shingled roofs are eligible to receive a temporary blue roof.
- Metal roofs and mobile homes may be repaired as practical on a case-by-case basis.
- Roofs with greater than 50 percent structural damage are not eligible for this program.
- Every owner or landlord that has a signed Right of Entry form will be visited.
- If a home is being rented, the tenant must provide written permission from the owner prior to signing Right of Entry.

ROEs submitted Nov. 16 or prior will be evaluated and Blue Roof installations will continue as normal until complete.

ROE collections center are listed below.

- Bay County DRC - Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401
- Bay County - Walmart Supercenter, 2101 S FL-77, Lynn Haven, FL 32444
- Bay County - Walmart, 15495 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach, FL 32413
- Calhoun County DRC - Sam Atkins Park, NW Silas Green Street, Blountstown, FL 32424
- Gadsden County DRC - (Old) Gretna Elementary School, 706 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Gretna, FL 32332
- Gulf County - Port Saint Joe Library, 110 Library Drive, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456
- Gulf County - Wewahitchka Information Center, 211 N State Road 71, Wewahitchka, FL 32465



- Jackson County DRC - University Extension Office, 2737 Penn Avenue, Marianna, FL 32448

Current information is available at www.usace.army.mil/bluerroof and at 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258). Information is provided in both English and Spanish through this single number.

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