

# Act Now to Reduce Future Risk Through Mitigation

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**BATON ROUGE, La.** – The FEMA Community Education and Outreach (CEO) staff for mitigation is hosting free webinars on ways to make future natural disasters less severe, dangerous or damaging to your home and family.

CEO will conduct the Internet webinars Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout February. Each session will be given twice a day, at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To register for the sessions, go to <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/admin/show-event-catalog?folder-id=172559520>.

This week's topics are:

- What is Mitigation and Preparedness? CEO specialists will define mitigation and explain how to reduce future risk. (Feb. 2.)
- Working with Seniors Before the Storm: Specialists will talk to seniors about creating a plan for what is needed in the event of a disaster and what to discuss with children and/or other family members. (Feb. 4.)

Topics to be covered over the next few weeks are:

- Retrofitting Roofs/Homes in High Wind Regions: Specialists will talk about ways to harden the home to lessen the impact of wind. (Feb.9.)
- Water-Resistant Building Materials: Specialists will discuss the benefits of using water-resistant materials for repairs. (Feb. 11.)
- Elevating Your Home, Including Mobile Homes: Specialists will talk about the basic requirements of elevating a house or mobile home and discuss what buildings may be elevated. (Feb. 16.)
- Basic Mitigation for Volunteers: Specialists will review mitigation techniques like muck outs, demolition and repair with volunteer agencies and explain how using mitigation techniques when repairing or rebuilding can strengthen homes



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against future disasters. (Feb. 18.)

- Mitigation Overview for Veterans and Military Families: Specialists will provide an overview of mitigation techniques and review important information about selecting a contractor. (Feb. 23.)
- How to Clean Up After a Flood: Specialists will provide safety tips on cleaning a home or business from flood waters. (Feb. 25.)

If you are unable to attend, the sessions will be recorded, and the recordings will be uploaded to the Louisiana Mitigation Web Link:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/lamit>.

The Adobe Connect Platform is used for these sessions. To make sure you are fully able to participate, please test your computer by clicking on:

[https://fema.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting\\_test.htm](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm). If

there is a problem with your connection, there are troubleshooting tips you may use.

If you have any questions, phone 833-FEMA-4-US or 833-336-2487.

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