

FEMA Offers Free Advice on Repair and Rebuilding at the DIY Home Center in Thousand Oaks

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Thousands of homes and businesses burned in mid-November as wildfires spread through portions of Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Countless other structures were damaged — many so severely as to make them uninhabitable. As recovery efforts continue throughout the damaged areas, free advice is available to those beginning to repair or rebuild their homes and businesses.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local hardware and home improvement stores teamed-up to answer questions and provide tips and techniques geared to do-it-yourselfers and contractors on how to make homes and businesses better, stronger, resilient, safer, and less susceptible to the next disaster.

This week, FEMA mitigation specialists will be in Ventura County at:

DIY Home Center 3775 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Tuesday, February 19 – Saturday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Free reference booklets in English and Spanish, with information on how to protect your home or business from natural disasters, will be available at each session. More information about strengthening property can be found at [fema.gov/what-mitigation](https://www.fema.gov/what-mitigation).

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