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QUESTIONS EVERY BUYER MUST ASK THEIR BUILDER OR SELLER

Whether you are buying a new house or one already built, these are vital questions you should ask your builder or seller. A qualified and highly rated inspector should also weigh in.

- Can you tell me all of the natural disasters and dangers that you took into consideration when building this home?
- Exactly how is this house built to withstand potential hazards? (For example, if the wind code says the house needs to survive 140mph winds, how is the house built to handle that?)
- How much more would it cost to build the house to withstand potential disasters? Can you show us how much a house made of concrete and closed cell spray foam costs versus less expensive woods and cellulose materials?
- Who verified that this house would hold up if a disaster hits?
- Can you prove these assurances? If so, how can you prove them?
- Do you think it's enough to just "build to code?"
- What products do you use that add value and make your homes resilient?

