

Introduction: Inspection Phase

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Case Id:

Name:

Address:

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Please review the following information.

Welcome to the MSFH Program Inspection Application. The Florida State Legislature has allocated funds through the MSFH Program to provide Homeowners with a Hurricane Mitigation Inspection of their home at NO COST and NO OBLIGATION. A Hurricane Mitigation Inspection is a home Inspection performed by a Wind Certification Entity (or “Inspector”) pursuant to the MSFH Program. **An approval for a Hurricane Mitigation Inspection through the MSFH Program is NOT an approval for a Hurricane Mitigation Grant.**

The Inspection Application contains the following steps:

- Introduction: Inspection Phase
- Inspection Application - Homestead and Home Type Information
- Inspection Application Submit

Your Inspection Application is complete when you have completed all the above listed steps and your status changes to “Inspection application Submitted” on the Applicant Portal. For more information about what needs to be included, please see the instructions on each step or our Knowledgebase articles on the [Inspection Application](#).

Once you submit the Inspection Application, it will undergo a review by a MSFH Case Manager. During the review, the Program will verify the status of your homestead exemption and the type of home you have.

Please see the following information regarding eligibility.

Hurricane Mitigation Inspection Requirements

- The home must be a Single-family, Detached residential property or a Townhouse as defined in section 481.203, F.S. Attached Single-family homes will be treated as Townhouses for the purposes of the MSFH Program.
- The home must be site-built and Owner-occupied.
- The Applicant must have been granted a homestead exemption on the home under chapter 196, F.S. The Program will verify the status of your homestead exemption and the type of home you have.

If the MSFH Program is unable to approve your Inspection Application, you will be sent a Request for Information (RFI). You will need to return to the Applicant Portal and submit additional information to satisfy the RFI. **Please ensure you check your emails regularly in case an RFI is sent to you.** RFIs must be responded to within **60 days**. If you do not respond within 60 days, your case will be deemed withdrawn and will be administratively closed. **Closed cases cannot be reopened, so ensure that you check your case and your email regularly.**

I understand that I must respond to Requests for Information (RFIs) within sixty (60) days or my case will be deemed withdrawn and will be administratively closed.

If approved, you will receive an email with information to schedule the Initial Inspection with the assigned, licensed Inspector, contracted by the MSFH Program. Applicants are not able to choose the Wind Certification Entity or Inspector for the Hurricane Mitigation Inspection.

The Initial Inspection results are uploaded into the Applicant Portal by the Wind Certification Entity (WCE). Applicants will receive an email instructing them to review the Inspection Report.

Hurricane Mitigation Inspection are designed to describe the presence or absence of Hurricane Resistant Features that are proven to help a home survive windstorms. Hurricane Mitigation Inspections through the MSFH Program **are not condition-based Inspections. An aging or worn house may not receive any recommendations on a MSFH Program Inspection Report because all the Hurricane Resistant Features are present.**

The Initial Inspection Report will contain the following:

1. Introduction
2. Recommended Improvements, if any*
3. Improvement Cost Estimates
4. Summary of Form OIR-B1-1802
5. Attachments
 1. Form OIR-B1-1802 (Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form)
 2. Initial Inspection photographs and documents

***One of the key goals of the Initial Inspection Report is to indicate, if any, Recommended Improvements are available to strengthen the home against hurricane damage. Insurance companies may or may not offer discounts for completing these Improvements. Recommended Improvements must be based on the Initial Inspection Reports acquired through the MSFH Program.**

Once you have completed the Inspection phase, you will have the opportunity to **choose** whether you will proceed with the Grant Phase. Some applicants may receive a notification that their home was selected to undergo a Quality Control (QC) Inspection.

I confirm that I have read the Introduction to the Inspection Application and will read the instructions on each step thoroughly.

I understand that an approval for a Hurricane Mitigation Inspection through the MSFH Program is NOT an approval for a Hurricane Mitigation Grant.

I understand that my home may be selected to undergo a Quality Control (QC) Inspection.

Do you authorize the MSFH Program to communicate case updates, requests for information, or communications denying your application via the email address(es) you provided?

Inspection Application: Homestead & Home Type Info

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Inspection Application: Homestead & Home Type Information

Please review the following information.

To be eligible for an Inspection or Grant in the MSFH Program, you must have a Homestead Exemption on your property taxes. During review of the Inspection Application, the MSFH Program will verify the status of your homestead exemption and the type of home you have. Please note that if it is determined that your home is eligible and your home is Attached to (i.e. shares a wall) another property, your home will be treated as a Townhouse for the purposes of the MSFH Program.

Properties that meet the following requirements may qualify for a MSFH Program Initial Inspection:

- The home must be a Single-family, Detached residential property or a Townhouse as defined in section 481.203, F.S. Attached Single-family homes will be treated as Townhouses for the purposes of the MSFH Program.
- The home must be site-built and Owner-occupied.
- The Applicant must have been granted a homestead exemption on the home under chapter 196, F.S. The Program will verify the status of your homestead exemption and the type of home you have.

The following properties are NOT eligible to receive a free MSFH Program Initial Inspection:

- Retirement Homes
- Mobile Homes and Manufactured Homes
- Second Homes, Vacation Homes, and Rental Properties

IMPORTANT NOTE: Attached Single-family properties will be treated as Townhouses for the purposes of the MSFH Program.

The Program will use data provided by your county's Property Appraiser's office to determine the status of your homestead exemption and your property's Use Code. Your homestead exemption status is usually listed as an amount or as a "Y" on the Property Appraiser's website for your county. Use Codes vary by county, but all homes with a Use Code that begins with "1" or "01" will be considered single-family homes. Other Use Codes may also be considered eligible based on the criteria laid out in the Program Rule (available [here](#)). If you would like to check this information yourself, please contact your county's Property Appraiser or Tax Collector Office website directly [here](#). Every Property Appraiser's website is different, but all have a system through which you can search for your address and find information about your home.

I understand that the status of my homestead exemption and type of property will be reviewed as a part of the Inspection Application to determine eligibility.

I understand that if I have specific questions regarding my property details as they are listed on the county's Property Appraiser or Tax Collector's website, I will contact those respective departments directly for additional information.

Inspection Application Submit

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Please review the following information.

This is the final step in the Inspection Application. Once this step is completed, your Inspection Application will be submitted will undergo review. Some Applications will undergo a QC review which may delay review completion.

I hereby affirm that the information I have provided to the Program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that:

- Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. See 837.06, Florida Statutes.
- Any person who shall make or cause to be made any false statement, in writing, relating to his or her financial condition, assets or liabilities, or relating to the financial condition, assets or liabilities of any firm or corporation in which such person has a financial interest, or for whom he or she is acting, with a fraudulent intent of obtaining credit, goods, money or other property, and shall by such false statement obtain credit, goods, money or other property, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. See 817.03, Florida Statutes.
- Any person who willfully files with the Department, or who willfully signs for filing with the Department, a materially false or materially misleading financial statement or document in support of such statement required by law or rule, with intent to deceive and with knowledge that the statement or document is materially false or materially misleading, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. See 817.2341(1), Florida Statutes.
- Any person who knowingly makes a material false statement or report to the Department or any agent of the Department, or knowingly and materially overvalues any property in any document or report prepared to be presented to the Department or any agent of the Department, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. See 817.2341(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have submitted only one Inspection Application or that I am allowed to submit a subsequent Inspection Application pursuant to s. 215.5586(1)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

I authorize the MSFH Program to send an Inspector to conduct an Initial Inspection of my property for the purpose of recommending Improvements that may be made to my property to increase its resistance to hurricane damage.

I understand that qualifying for and receiving an Initial Inspection does not automatically make me eligible or guarantee that the property will receive a MSFH Program Grant to perform any Improvements recommended by the Initial Inspection Report, and that a subsequent separate MSFH Program Grant Application will be required.

By electronically signing and submitting this application, you consent to transact and communicate electronically with My Safe Florida Home Program and all of its contractors and servicers. You may withdraw your consent to doing business electronically at any time by contacting us and withdrawing your consent. However, any communications or transactions between us before your withdrawal of such consent, will be valid and binding.

CAUTION: If your Inspection Application is approved, you will receive email confirmation from the MSFH Program providing you the name and contact information of the Inspection company. The assigned Inspection company will contact you to schedule the Initial Inspection of your home. **Please note that you may receive solicitations from other businesses, not connected to the MSFH Program, offering to perform inspection or construction services on your home. The “free Inspection” offered in the MSFH Program refers only to an Initial Inspection by the WCE named in the approval email from the MSFH Program.** The MSFH Program will not pay for an inspection conducted by any other inspection company. The MSFH Program urges you to ensure you are communicating with the WCE named in the MSFH Program’s approval email addressed to you when scheduling the free Initial Inspection.

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Applicant's Signature:

***No signature*

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS STEP WITHOUT CHECKING THAT YOU HAVE ENTERED YOUR INFORMATION CORRECTLY.
You will not be able to edit the step once you have selected “Complete & Submit.”