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## **MORE FREE ADVICE ON BUILDING STRONGER, SAFER, SMARTER**

**TRENTON, N.J.** – Your home has been damaged and you want to get it back to where it was before Hurricane Sandy. Or, maybe you're looking to rebuild and need smart ideas on how to make your next home stronger and safer than your last. Knowledgeable and reliable advice will be available at a nearby home improvement store.

Hazard mitigation specialists from FEMA will be on-site to answer your questions and help you rebuild stronger, safer and smarter. They provide information on building techniques that reduce the potential for damage to your home, business and property from future disasters.

Besides answering your questions, they will offer other home improvement tips and techniques:

- Proper mold and mildew clean-up,
- Flood- and wind-resistant building methods,
- Wind straps,
- Flood insurance,
- Suggestions to make homes stronger and safer,
- Retrofitting buildings, and
- Elevating utilities.

Free publications on these topics are available and there is no charge to talk with the specialists.

FEMA specialists are available at the following home improvement stores daily from Wednesday, December 5 until Monday, December 10, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

- Cape May County – Lowe's #1861, 3171 Route 9 South, Rio Grande 08242
- Essex County – Home Depot #980, 399-443 Springfield Ave., Newark 07103
- Middlesex County – Home Depot #954, 1090 Route 9, Old Bridge 08857
- Monmouth County – Home Depot #949, 3540 Route 66, Neptune 07753
- Ocean County – Home Depot #969, 244 N. Main St., Forked River 08731
- Ocean County – Lowe's #2260, 297 Route 72 West, Suite 30, Manahawkin 08050
- Union County – Home Depot #6905, 977 W. Grand, Elizabeth 07202

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Additional sites and dates will be announced soon.

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