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News Release

**Workshops in Anchorage and Wasilla to Offer Repair, Rebuilding Advice**

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska –** FEMA mitigation specialists will visit home improvement stores March 11-16 in Wasilla and the Municipality of Anchorage to provide advice on how to repair and rebuild structures safer and stronger, and general tips to help Alaskans prepare for the next earthquake.

The workshops will also offer home improvement tips and share proven methods to prevent or reduce damage from a disaster. Most of the information and free publications are aimed at general contractors and those willing to take on do-it-yourself projects.

A federal disaster was declared after the Nov. 30 Cook Inlet earthquake, making the state of Alaska eligible for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Mitigation specialists will cover such topics as securing/strapping/anchoring utilities and large appliances, and protecting your personal property from earthquake damage.

**Workshop schedule:**

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| **Location** | **Time** |
| **Home Depot**  **400 Rodeo Place**  **Anchorage, AK 99508** | **March 11-16: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** |
| **Home Depot**  **1715 Abbott Road**  **Anchorage, AK 99508** | **March 11-16: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** |
| **Home Depot**  **1255 E. Palmer-Wasilla Hwy.**  **Wasilla, AK 99654** | **March 11-16: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** |
| **Spenard Builders Supply**  **4412 Lois Dr.**  **Anchorage, AK 99517** | **March 11-16: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** |

Rebuilding properly with the best technical guidance and using tested techniques will assure that homes are more resistant to disasters.

For more information on Alaska’s disaster recovery, visit [FEMA.gov/disaster/4413](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4413), [Twitter.com/FEMARegion10](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjEzLjE2MzkxNDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjEzLjE2MzkxNDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzU4ODAwOSZlbWFpbGlkPXl2ZXR0ZS5ibGFja21hbkBmZW1hLmRocy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPXl2ZXR0ZS5ibGFja21hbkBmZW1hLmRocy5nb3YmZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&102&&&https://twitter.com/FEMAregion10a) and [Facebook.com/FEMA](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwMjEzLjE2MzkxNDEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwMjEzLjE2MzkxNDEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzU4ODAwOSZlbWFpbGlkPXl2ZXR0ZS5ibGFja21hbkBmZW1hLmRocy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPXl2ZXR0ZS5ibGFja21hbkBmZW1hLmRocy5nb3YmZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&103&&&http://www.facebook.com/FEMA).

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*The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email* [*DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov*](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov) *or visit SBA at* [*www.SBA.gov/disaster*](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) *.*