



# TORNADO DAMAGE RECOVERY WARNING

Residents affected by recent tornado damage should use caution when hiring contractors for repairs.

***Before hiring anyone to perform work on your home or property:***

- Make sure the contractor is properly **registered to work in Newton County** with the **Newton County Building Department**.
  - Do not pay large upfront deposits.
  - Always get **written estimates and contracts**.
- Be cautious of contractors going **door to door offering quick repairs**.

## ***Beware of Scam Contractors***

If a contractor:

- Pressures you to make a quick decision
  - Asks for full payment upfront
- Cannot provide proof of registration or license

**Do NOT hire them.**

## ***Verify Before You Hire***

You can call our office to verify contractor registration and licensing or visit the county website to get a list of registered contractors under "Building Department Useful Links"

**Newton County Building Department**

**Phone: 219-285-6080**

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Protect yourself and your neighbors by working only  
with registered contractors.**