



## Napa Homeowners Can Receive Up to \$3,000 from FEMA Toward an Earthquake Retrofit

With additional funding from FEMA, the **Earthquake Brace + Bolt** program is coming back to Napa in 2016. Owners of houses located in the 94558 and 94559 ZIP Codes will be eligible for an incentive payment from FEMA of up to \$3,000 to help pay costs associated with retrofitting their houses to lessen earthquake damage. Registration is open through March 22, 2016.

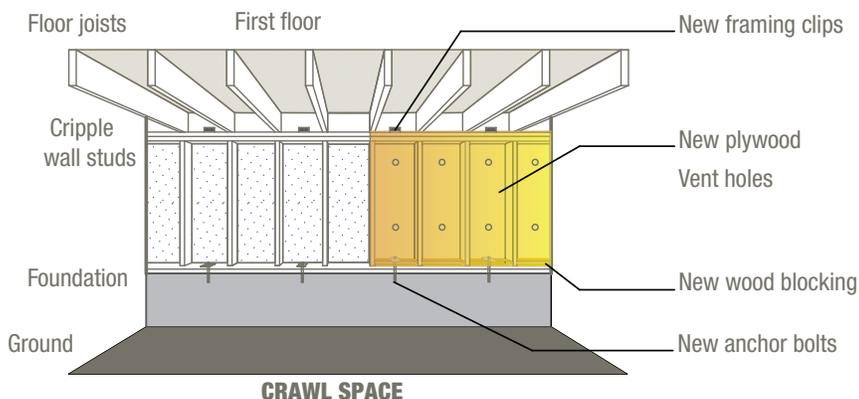
### STRENGTHEN YOUR HOME

A residential seismic retrofit strengthens an existing house, making it more resistant to earthquake activity such as ground shaking and soil failure, by bolting the house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space.

Surrounding the crawl space under the first floor, many houses have a short wood framed wall (“cripple wall”) that needs to be strengthened to prevent the house from sliding or toppling off of its foundation during an earthquake.

Seismic Retrofitting Involves:

1. **Bolting:** This work involves adding anchor bolts in the crawl space to improve the connection between the wood framing of a building and its concrete foundation.
2. **Bracing:** Adding plywood to the cripple walls to help keep the house from toppling off of the foundation during an earthquake.



*“The \$ 3,000 offered by this program was the tipping point for us to apply.”*

*—Kim, LA resident, completed retrofit 2014*

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Napa EBB is funded in part by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. For this reason, Napa EBB program rules and requirements vary in part from the flagship Earthquake Brace + Bolt program. It is very important for each participant in Napa EBB to refer to the [NapaBraceBolt.com](http://NapaBraceBolt.com) website for all program information and timelines.

Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) was developed to help homeowners lessen the potential for damage to their houses during an earthquake.

Our goal is to help you and your neighbors make as many houses in your area more earthquake-ready.

### HOW TO QUALIFY

Homeowners interested in NAPA EBB should go to [NapaBraceBolt.com](http://NapaBraceBolt.com) to:

- Register and answer the qualification questions to determine whether your house can be retrofit in accordance with Chapter A3<sup>1</sup> ; and,
- Learn more about the program.

<sup>1</sup> International Existing Building Code Chapter A3 as adopted into California Existing Building Code, Chapter 24, Title 10.



## NAPA HOMEOWNER REGISTRATION AND SELECTION

Registration for homeowners in the 94558 and 94559 ZIP Codes will be open from February 22 through March 22, 2016.

Homeowners should visit [NapaBraceBolt.com](http://NapaBraceBolt.com) to check if their house meets the requirements. If all requirements are met, homeowners may register for Napa EBB online. Space is limited. Homeowners can also call (844) 543-3401 for a paper application.

When registration closes, participating homeowners will be selected through a random drawing process. Homeowners will be notified in April via email and provided more detailed information for participation in the program.

For more information on the Napa Earthquake Brace + Bolt program, go to [NapaBraceBolt.com](http://NapaBraceBolt.com).

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The California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP) is a joint-exercise-of-powers entity formed by its members, the California Earthquake Authority (CEA), a public instrumentality of the State of California, and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, (Cal OES). CRMP is a legally separate entity from its members. This EBB Napa expansion is funded in part by FEMA.

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