

SITE

REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO HIGH WINDS

“High winds and windblown debris can easily break unprotected windows and then enter your house. Once inside, wind and debris can cause more damage.”

Louisiana Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, “Protecting your property from wind,” (<http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/factsheets/windshutter&windowcovers.htm>)

STRATEGIES

- **Secure external items**
 - Secure debris, propane tanks, yard items, and stored objects.
 - Educate tenants about the dangers of windblown items and the techniques for securing their site.

FEMA- Unanchored Fuel Tanks, Homes and Businesses¹
- **Prune vegetation to remove dead limbs and provide clearance from other structures**
 - Prune vegetation, including dead branches and material close to building or point of building entry for utility lines to reduce damage from windblown debris
 - Establish agreements with utilities about pruning around power lines.

Trim Your Risk of Tree Problems²
FEMA Mitigation Ideas. SW-4³
- **Assess vegetation in wildfire-prone areas to prevent landslides after fires.**
 - Encourage plants with strong root systems.

The Landslide Handbook, Section 3, Part A⁴
FEMA Mitigation Ideas. LS-1

1 “Anchor Fuel Tanks.” FEMA online resources under Protect Your Property from Flooding homepage. <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3262> April 2011. Last accessed 7/10/2013. http://www.fema.gov/library/file?type=publishedFile&file=how2005_fuel_tanks_4_11.pdf&fileid=77216bb0-6374-11e0-b6f6-001cc4568fb6

2 Still Standing: Trim Your Risk of Tree Problems. Institute for Business and Home Safety. Online Resource accessed 7/15/2013. <http://www.alfaaic.net/PDFs/Tree%20Trimming%20before%20Storm.pdf>

3 “Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards.” Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Analysis Division. Jan 2013.

4 The Landslide Handbook- A Guide to Understanding Landslides Circular 1325. U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia: 2008. Online Resource. Accessed 7/13/2013. http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1325/pdf/C1325_508.pdf