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If you are interested in a rebate to install a safe room in your home, Burleson residents can start to sign up for a waitlist next week.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) just released the call schedule for residents from all 16 NCTCOG counties. The signup is in alphabetical order. Burleson is in two counties. Johnson County residents can call in starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, and Tarrant County residents can call in starting at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 30. The waitlist will not close.

To call in, you must log on to [www.nctsaferoom.com](http://www.nctsaferoom.com) on or after the scheduled time and provide your name, address, and contact information. If you do not have Internet access, call the Emergency Preparedness Department at NCTCOG at 817-695-9235 and leave a message with your name, phone number, address and the county that you live in. Residents may not sign up for the waitlist before the date it opens for that county.

The timeframe for notification of approval for a rebate could take three-18 months. You must be pre-approved prior to the installation of a safe room if you want to participate in the safe room rebate program. To learn more about eligibility for the rebate, go to [www.nctsaferoom.com](http://www.nctsaferoom.com). The waitlist is a way for the NCTCOG to gauge the demand for the program when the agency applies for more federal funding. Once that funding is granted, the NCTCOG will start to notify applicants of their acceptance. It is a first come, first serve program.

According to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) having a safe room built for your home or small business can help provide “near-absolute protection” for you and your family or employees from injury or death caused by the dangerous forces of extreme winds such as tornadoes and hurricanes. *Taking Shelter From the Storm, Building a Safe Room For Your Home or Small Business* helps home or small business owners assess their risk and determine the best type of safe room for their needs. The publication provides designs for basement, in-ground, and above-ground safe rooms. Go to <http://www.fema.gov/safe-rooms> to find out more about safe rooms.