

Important Documents to Keep in your House File

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If you keep these documents in your house file, they will help you avoid unnecessary disappointments and delays when selling your home if it was damaged.

1. "Lien Waiver" from the General Contractor or anyone that works on your home.
2. All inspections by the City Inspectors that review repair work.
3. All estimates of work prepared by the Insurance Adjustor and Contractors
4. All reports from Structural Engineers
5. All receipts showing the work was paid in full by the Insurance Company or the Owner.

In addition, the following are a few suggestions to consider when rebuilding or restoring after a tornado.

1. Review references of any contractor you may consider.
2. Go and look at the workmanship to see if it is up to your standards.
3. Check the Better Business Bureau regarding any contractor you may use
4. Don't be afraid to get a second opinion.