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For awareness: Mitigation experts will visit some big box stores – like Lowes and Home Depots – in the next few days. This is a regular part of the Hazard Mitigation operation at a disaster. It's usually 2 people in FEMA shirts next to a table with brochures. Sometimes there will be a sign out front. We're putting together a news release with the exact locations, but the language will look similar to this (an example from a previous disaster):

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation experts will be available this week at home improvement stores in Wenatchee and next week in Moses Lake to provide information about ways to rebuild or remodel that can reduce the risk of damages from wildfire, flooding, flash flooding, and other disasters.

They will also be there to answer questions about FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program.

Rebuilding or repairing a home after a disaster can be a daunting task – but, with the right information, homeowners can build back safer, smarter and stronger.

Homeowners and contractors can learn more at the following locations in Wenatchee from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Sept. 14:

- **Home Depot, 1405 Maiden Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801**
- **Lowe's, 1200 Walla Walla Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801**

Next week, FEMA mitigation experts will be in Moses Lake from Tuesday, Sept. 16 through Sunday, Sept. 21. They will be at these locations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

- **Home Depot, 980 W. Central Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837**
- **Lowe's, 1400 E. Yonezawa Blvd., Moses Lake, WA 98837**

Online help is also available at the following websites:

- [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)  
The official site of the National Flood Insurance Program.
- [www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/build\\_safer.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/build_safer.shtm)

For low-cost measures to reduce risk from natural disasters, building and retrofitting tips.

We'll send to you as soon as it's gone through concurrence here. Thanks, hv

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