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## **The Tile Roofing Institute Supports Florida Roofing Contractors**

TRI President, Rick Olson, announces that the Tile Roofing Institute (TRI) joins with the Florida Roofing Contractors Association (FRSA) in encouraging Florida homeowners to hire only Florida licensed and insured roofing contractors for upcoming storm damage repairs.

Hurricane Irma hit Florida hard and has left many homeowners in need of home repairs. Roofs are the first line of defense to prevent damage inside a house, making roof repairs and replacements a primary concern. As important as a roof is to your home, it is vital to choose a trusted contractor who understands the complexities that comes with roofing in Florida. Following large weather events, like Irma, it is common for contractors from other states to flood into affected areas that may not be aware of local codes and best practices for the higher wind demands of this area.

TRI Board member, John Campbell of Eagle Roofing Products states that *“Hurricanes and the lure of easy money have historically attracted out of state contractors to Florida. The hurricanes that struck Florida last decade coincided with the greatest housing boom in U.S. history, so extra help may have been justifiable at the time. Today, the new home market and the reroof segment is healthy but is nowhere near where it was last decade. It is critically important that we support Florida licensed roofing contractors who abide by our codes, have an investment in our state, our industry and our economy.”*

You can find a list of Florida licensed and insured contractors by visiting the FRSA website, [www.floridaroo.com](http://www.floridaroo.com) or by visiting the Florida State licensing board at <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp?mode=0&SID>. Enter your zip code in the search bar on the homepage to find contractors in your area.

*The TRI represents industry professionals involved in the manufacturing and installation of concrete and clay tile roofs in the U.S. and Canada, and works with national, state, and local building officials including roofing contractors to develop installation techniques, codes, and standards for better roofing systems. TRI President, Rick Olson can be reached at [rolson@tileroofing.org](mailto:rolson@tileroofing.org). Visit [www.tileroofing.org](http://www.tileroofing.org) to learn more about the TRI*