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LOCAL BUILDERS OFFER TIPS FOR REBUILDING AFTER MAUI WILDFIRE

WAIPAHU, HAWAII [Month] [Day] - As Maui begins to recover after the devastating effects of the wildfire, The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA) is offering information and resources to help home owners in the community rebuild.

[INSERT QUOTE FROM HBA PRESIDENT] [EXAMPLE: “As members of the community, we are devastated by the damaged caused by the Maui wildfire,” insert name and title of HBA president. “Rebuilding homes in Maui will take time, and we want residents to know that we stand with them and when they are ready, we are willing to address their needs in any way we can.”

For home owners interested in rebuilding, the BIA recommends several tips to help them get started:

* **Contact Your Insurance Company**. Home owners are encouraged to review their home owners insurance policy and contact their insurance company as soon as possible to report damages.
* **Stay Safe During Damage Assessments.** Many structures lost stability due to the fire. Home owners should take extreme caution as they assess the damage to their home.
* **Create a Recovery Folder.** Home owners should take time to organize any applicable contacts, communications, or forms into virtual or physical folders to keep the information centralized and easily accessible.
* **Work with a Professional Home Builder.** They are many intricacies related to building homes in Maui. Professional builders have a firm grasp of requirements to meet city ordinances, regulations, and permits.
* **Prepare Homes for the Future**. Home owners should connect with residential building industry professionals and ask them about how-to future-proof their home for increased climate resilience.

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA) is a National Association of Home Builders-affiliated home builder association that represents the largest network of craftsmen, innovators and problem solvers dedicated to building and enriching communities.

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