



What are Katrina Cottages?

Soon after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, architect and planner, Andres Duany developed the concept for a small, permanent home designed as a dignified alternative to the FEMA trailer. The first Katrina Cottage was designed by Marianne Cusato as affordable housing for displaced residents and emergency workers and is being considered as affordable housing in resorts, camps, vacation communities, the military and others nationwide as well.

Do the Katrina Cottages meet local building codes?

The cottages are designed to meet the International Building code. However, the homeowner will still need to verify the home meets local building codes.

How is a Katrina Cottage different from a trailer or mobile home?

The cottages are designed to the same specifications as a full scale house, and are constructed utilizing quality materials. For example, the siding is termite and rot resistant and the wallboard is moisture and mold resistant. The only difference between the cottages and a traditional house is the size. The cottages are smaller to make them more affordable and faster to build.

Do the cottages expand?

Yes. Some of the cottage plans are designed with additions that can be built as time and funds allow.

Can I make changes to the floor plans beyond the existing designs?

It is possible to have custom changes made by hiring a local architect to modify the plans. The supplies needed to make the revisions are not supplied as part of the Lowe's Katrina Cottage material package. Modified plans are derivative works based on the original design and may only be used by the purchaser of the original plans for constructing their Katrina Cottage.

Will the Katrina Cottage require ground reinforcement or a foundation?

Because Katrina Cottages are considered permanent structures, they do require a foundation and in some cases, local ordinances may require the house to be built on piers. Make sure to follow all local building codes when constructing a Katrina Cottage. The homeowner will need to check the flood elevation of the lot to ensure the piers are set at the proper height.

How much assembly is required? Do I need my own contractor?

Katrina Cottages are designed to be stick built homes and will require a professional builder. Although much of the work can be performed by a qualified Do-it-Yourselfer, there are several steps in the process that will have to be inspected by a qualified home inspector. A professional builder will be well aware of how to build homes according to local codes. Lowe's does not install or build Katrina Cottages; however, local contractors can be located through area Chamber of Commerce.

How long does it take to build a Katrina Cottage?

The construction time of a Katrina Cottage is dependant on the style and type of cottage being built. A cottage can be done in as little as 6 weeks, but variables, such as weather, may come into play. Always talk with your contractor when working out build timelines.

What is included in the cost of a Katrina Cottage?

A Katrina Cottage materials package from Lowe's includes all the products you'll need for the house from the foundation plate up. Studs, wall panels, insulation, fixtures, electrical, plumbing, even appliances are included. The homeowner need only supply the foundation and/or piers, HVAC system, and furniture.

How much does it cost?

The price for the materials will vary depending upon the size and style of the Katrina Cottage and the current commodity prices. The construction cost of building the home, the foundation and pier materials and HVAC system are not included in the cost. See the Commercial Sales Specialist at your local store to determine the price.

How is Lowe's Companies, Inc. involved?

Lowe's sells the plans and materials to construct the home.

Where/How can I get a Katrina Cottage?

The customer can purchase plans on-line at www.lowes.com/katrinacottage or call the dedicated Lowe's Katrina call center at 866-714-5916.

What is the lead time for delivery?

The delivery lead time from the Lowe's store will be 2-4 weeks from the time of placing an order. Make sure to talk with a Lowe's Commercial Sales Specialist for exact details.

How will the cottage be delivered?

The materials necessary to build a Katrina Cottage will be delivered in multiple jobsite shipments to help the builder manage the amount of raw materials on the jobsite.