

IRC Section R602.10.1.4.1- Braced wall lines at exterior walls shall have a braced wall panel located at each end of the braced wall line. EXCEPTION: For braced wall panel construction Method WSP of Section R602.10.2 (wood structural panel sheathing), the braced wall panel shall be permitted to begin no more than 8 feet from each end of the braced wall line provided one of the following is satisfied in accordance with Figure R602.10.1.4.(1):

1. A minimum 24-inch-wide panel is applied to each side of the building corner and the two 24-inch-wide panels at the corner are attached to framing in accordance with Figure R602.4.4.(1), or
2. The end of each braced wall panel closest to the corner shall have a hold-down device fastened to the stud at the edge of the braced wall panel closest to the corner and to the foundation or framing below. The hold-down device shall be capable of providing an uplift allowable design value of at least 1,800 pounds. The hold-down device shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

