

Home repairs that don't require a windstorm inspection

New construction, roof replacements, and major repairs must be inspected before you can get Texas Windstorm Insurance Association coverage. But not every repair requires an inspection.

General repairs

- Protective measures before a storm.
 - Temporary repairs after a storm.
 - Nonstructural interior fixtures, cabinets, nonloadbearing partitions, surfaces, trims, or equipment repair or replacement.
 - Painting, carpeting, and refinishing.
 - Plumbing and electrical repairs, including preformed flange repair or replacement.
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Doors, fences, steps, and windows

- Breakaway wall repairs.
 - Decorative shutter replacement.
 - Fence repairs.
 - Porch and balcony handrail and guardrail repairs.
 - Stairway, steps, and wheelchair ramp repairs.
 - Soffits, less than 24 inches wide, repair or replacement.
 - Storm doors or screen doors repair or replacement if installed outside an exterior door.
 - Wall covering repair or replacement if the area is less than 10% of the surface area of the affected side of the structure.
 - Window glass, glass doors, and exterior side-hinged door replacement, not including the frames, if the area is less than 10% of the surface area of the affected side of the structure.
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Fascia, gutters, and roofs

- Fascia repairs.
 - Gutters repair or replacement.
 - Roof repairs of less than 100 square feet not involving roof decking or framing members.
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Foundations and slabs

- Leveling and repairs to an existing slab-on-grade foundation, unless wall or foundation anchorage is altered or repaired.
 - Leveling an existing pier-and-beam foundation or piling foundation if no repairs are made.
 - Repairs to slabs on the ground for patios or under homes on pilings.
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Learn more about inspections: www.tdi.texas.gov/tips/need-windstorm-inspection.html

Ask questions about inspections: 800-248-6032

WPI-8 fact sheet

WPI-8 is the compliance certificate the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issues to show that a property, repair, or addition on the Texas coast meets building code requirements. Similar forms are the WPI-8E and WPI-8C.

Who needs it?



Homeowners in these counties:

- Aransas
- Brazoria
- Calhoun
- Cameron
- Chambers
- Galveston
- Harris, East of Hwy 146
- Jefferson
- Kenedy
- Kleberg
- Matagorda
- Nueces
- Refugio
- San Patricio
- Willacy

Do I need one for all repairs?



No, not every repair requires an inspection. Contact your local windstorm inspections office before you start any work to ask if you need an inspection.

Why do I need it?



The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and insurance companies can look up certificates to make sure your property, repair, or addition is certified.

How can I get one?



- Request a free TDI inspector.
- Hire a Texas-licensed professional engineer or appointed qualified inspector. TDI doesn't regulate inspection rates.

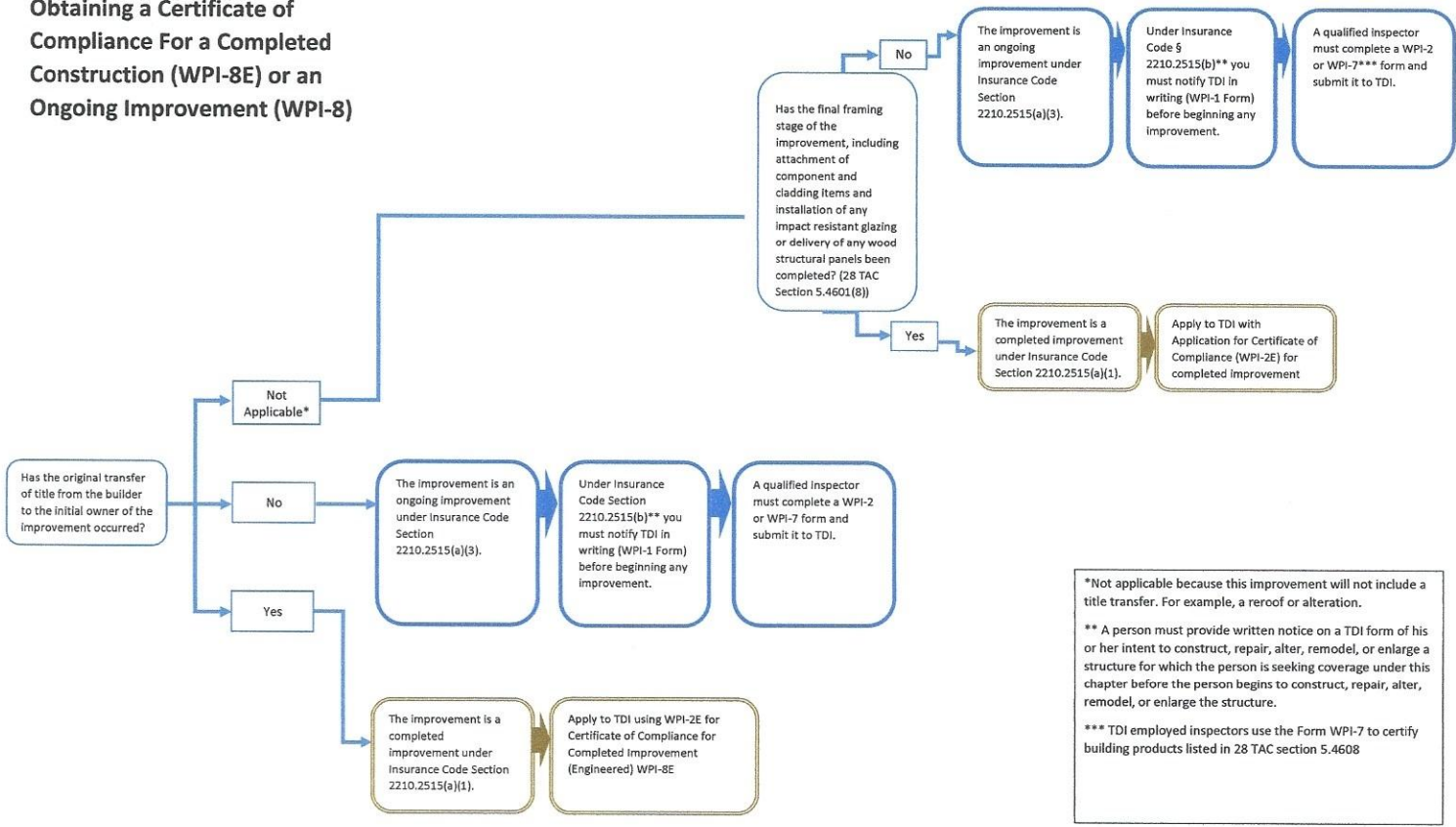


Windstorm inspection tips

Questions about inspections?

Call 800-248-6032 or visit tdi.texas.gov/wind.

Obtaining a Certificate of Compliance For a Completed Construction (WPI-8E) or an Ongoing Improvement (WPI-8)



*Not applicable because this improvement will not include a title transfer. For example, a reroof or alteration.

** A person must provide written notice on a TDI form of his or her intent to construct, repair, alter, remodel, or enlarge a structure for which the person is seeking coverage under this chapter before the person begins to construct, repair, alter, remodel, or enlarge the structure.

*** TDI employed inspectors use the Form WPI-7 to certify building products listed in 28 TAC section 5.4608