

Texas Department of Insurance

Windstorm Inspections Program/Engineering Services Program

Newsletter

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TDI now has a new online windstorm system!

Need to apply for, search, enter a WPI-2, or manage your current applications? Our new windstorm system grants appointed engineers and staff an individual log in to complete all these tasks and more! Please see page 2 for a list of features and benefits. To begin using the system today, visit tdi.texas.gov/wind, and in the Topics A-Z section, click **Windstorm System**.

Register for an informational webinar!

Want to learn more about how to maximize use of your personal log-in? Register yourself and your office staff for a webinar. The webinar will:

- Include real world demonstrations,
- provide helpful hints, and
- answer any of your system related questions.

To register, please select a date below and email us at engineering@tdi.texas.gov. Webinars will last approximately one hour.

- Friday, September 11, 10 AM
- Tuesday, September 15, 9 AM
- Thursday, September 24, 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 29, 3:30 PM

System Resources

For the user guide, checklists, and FAQs, see our system webpage:

tdi.texas.gov/wind/windsysteminfo.html

Upcoming Changes

Interested in changes resulting from bills that passed in the **2015 legislative session** (HB 2439, SB 498, and SB 900)? Please see TDI's legislative bulletin to understand how these changes may affect you.

tdi.texas.gov/bulletins/2015/b-0020-15.html

How to view and print a Certificate of Compliance

The screenshot shows a search panel with two main sections: 'Search by Application / Certificate Number' and 'Search by Address'. The first section has a search box for 'Application / Certificate Number' and a 'Search by Application' button. The second section has search boxes for 'Street Number', 'Street Name', and 'Zip', along with a dropdown menu for 'Please select one option from below *'. There is also a 'Search by Address' button at the bottom.

1. Visit tdi.texas.gov/wind
2. In the Topics A-Z section, click **Windstorm System**
3. Click the **Find a Certificate** icon
4. To search by application ID
 - a. Enter the application ID
 - b. Click search by application
5. To search by address
 - a. Enter at least the first two street numbers
 - b. Enter at least three characters in the street name
 - c. Enter city, Zip Code, or County
 - d. Click search by address

Note: This system does not require wildcards such as %

Contact TDI

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Engineering Services Program

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Open Records Requests

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(512) 676-6750

Windstorm System Features and Benefits

Entering WPI-1

- Reduce errors with drop down lists.
- Match addresses with addresses that already have Certificates of Compliance or use address standardizer to match TWIA applications.
- System checks prevent submission without all required information.
- Comments are collected in an organized, easy to manage fashion.
- Reduce the time required to complete forms with templates containing all required contact information for commonly used builders or contractors.
- Receive an application ID immediately upon submission.
- Ability to copy all data for a similar application, great for use with two structures at the same address (house and detached garage) or when inspecting several houses on the same block (a new housing development or after a large storm).
- Data entered is immediately included in Windstorm system; no waiting for staff to enter.

Application Details/Corrections

- Ability to search for applications to avoid duplicate submissions.
- Faster notification of necessary corrections.
- Easy to make and submit changes or corrections, without printing and faxing another WPI-1.
- Simple and quick way to exchange comments intake staff regarding changes or corrections to the application.
- Constant access to managing and reprinting forms such as the WPI-1, WPI-2, and WPI-8.
- Ability to manage and oversee all files you are currently inspecting and track application status changes.

Entering WPI-2

- Address, inspection type and detail, and comments are transferred from the WPI-1 to the WPI-2 automatically, reducing time and the possibility of errors.
- System checks prevent submission without all required information.

Profile

- Ability to update contact information and inspection preferences and have changes immediately reflected on the website.
- Ability to list all the counties you work in.
- Ability to manage subordinates and give your staff access to enter data into the system on your behalf, but remove the subordinates if their employment status changes.

Upcoming TDI Holidays

Friday, September 4 –Closing at 2 PM

Monday, September 7 – Closing all day