



Wind Damaged Buildings - Permitting

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Division of Building, Safety, and Inspection for 2015 International Codes

When the Pierce County Executive issues an emergency declaration for damage caused by windstorm in Pierce County, building permit fees will be waived or deferred.

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C. Natural Hazard Damage. Permit fees in Building Tables 1-A, 1-B and 1-C, Plumbing Table 1-D, Mechanical Table 1-E and Fire Suppression 1-F for the repair and restoration of damage due to natural hazards shall be waived or deferred if all the following conditions are met:

- a. Upon a declaration of emergency, issued by the Governor of the State of Washington, the Executive of Pierce County, by executive order, may implement the provisions of this Section.
- b. Applications for permits for repair damage under the provisions of this Section **must be applied for within 180 days of the declaration** of emergency.
- c. No expansion of the original building area shall be allowed. Building owners with insurance coverage will be required to pay all fees upon reimbursement by the insurance carrier.

No permit may be issued until Building Division has reviewed and approved it. The Building Division does not need to make a site visit prior to the permit being issued.

Common Questions and Answers

1. Can I install temporary shoring and tarp damaged area to protect from further damage while I wait for my permit to issue?
 - Yes, you just cannot start on the permanent repairs until you have your issued permit.
2. What information do I need to start the application process for a repair permit?
 - Parcel number to begin the application process and,
 - Description of work that is going to be performed.

Note: The application(s) will be fast tracked by PALS.

3. Will I need plans?
 - Generally, plans will not be required. When the inspector makes the first inspection, they may require you to submit as-built plans with a structural observation report from a registered engineer. Case by case review is required.

- Minor drywall and insulation removal and replacement will not require plans to apply.
- If plans are not required, the plan review fee will not be charged by the Building Department.

4. What type of damage will require a permit?

- Structural damage to walls, roof or similar work will require a permit.
- Replacing sections of roof or wall sheathing will require a permit.

Note: If there is damage to the mechanical, plumbing and or electrical, permits will be required for those elements.

Permits for electrical work can be obtained from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries at (253) 596-3800 Ex 2, or if served by Tacoma Power, (253) 502-8277

5. What work can I do that does not require a permit?

- See [Exempt from Building Permit, Bulletin 8](#)

Minor repairs on site-built buildings may fall under our exemption from permit. If so, you must still get an inspection from us to remove the Yellow or Red posting in order to occupy. If the property has not been posted by the Building Division, no additional permit will be required.

For more information, or to request an inspection, please call (253) 798-3741 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Additional Requirement(s) for Mobile/Manufactured Homes

All manufactured homes posted “Restricted” (Red tag) or “Limited Entry” (Yellow tag) will require a set-up permit to confirm the L&I repair and to confirm the wind damage did not damage the original set-up connections.

To repair damaged manufactured homes, the property owner needs to get a permit from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries at (360) 902-5225 or (360) 902-5264 or online at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/FAS/default.asp>