



INFORMATION REGARDING WINDSTORM AND HAIL INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES

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A. GENERAL NOTICE:

- (1) In some areas of the state, windstorm and hail insurance is not reasonably available to a substantial number of the owners of insurable property located in that area because of unusually frequent and severe damage resulting from windstorms and hailstorms.
- (2) **A property located in such an area may be subject to additional requirements to obtain or continue windstorm and hail insurance coverage.**
- (3) Coastal counties in which this could occur include: Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Willacy; and second tier coastal counties: Bee, Brooks, Fort Bend, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Wells, Liberty, Live Oak, Orange, Victoria, and Wharton.

B. LENDER REQUIREMENTS: Lenders who make loans on properties located in such an area typically require the owner to maintain windstorm and hail insurance. A buyer should contact their lender regarding specific insurance requirements for a property. The failure to obtain required insurance at or before closing may delay the transaction or result in termination of the contract, either of which can impose both inconvenience and cost to the buyer and seller.

C. TEXAS WINDSTORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION: If a buyer is unable to obtain windstorm and hail insurance through the private insurance market, the property may qualify for insurance coverage through the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association. A certificate of compliance issued by the Texas Department of Insurance or the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association may be required for buildings constructed, altered, remodeled, enlarged, repaired, or added to on or after January 1, 1988.

D. RESOURCES: For more information, contact the Texas Department of Insurance or the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association. A map of current areas, designated by the Texas Department of Insurance, is available on their website:
<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wind/maps/index.html>.

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