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NEW WINDSTORM INSPECTION GUIDELINES AND INSPECTION CERTIFICATION FORM

New York Property Insurance Underwriting Association's Windstorm program was introduced in 1988 as a means of mitigating loss severity to buildings as a result of a windstorm event. NYPIUA recently reviewed and updated the program to reflect new building codes and construction materials introduced since the program's inception. The program was reviewed and updated in partnership with the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS), an organization supported by the insurance industry dedicated to reducing the economic effects of natural disasters such as windstorms. In general, the revisions made were designed to add clarity, definition and additional options for compliance.

The guidelines and form can be found on the NYPIUA Web site, www.nypiua.com. Click on "My Account," "To Print a Form," and select Number 11.

These standards apply to property on the barrier islands or within 1,500 feet of the coast. Please note that buildings previously inspected and certified to be in compliance with the Windstorm Eligibility Program Guidelines are "grandfathered" and will **not** have to be reinspected.

The new Windstorm Program Guidelines and the associated inspection form will become effective January 1, 2012. Inspection forms with earlier effective dates will not be accepted after June 30, 2012.

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