

Planning and Community Development Department

Bulletin #1 – 2025 Disaster

Building & Safety Colored Placards Explained

Colored Building Inspection placards will be placed at a property that has been inspected. These placards are used by Building Inspectors to identify the level of damage of each building:



Red Placard (Unsafe) The building is unsafe to enter or use; severe injury or death could result. The building is a collapse hazard, may be crushed by an adjacent building, or contains one or more hazardous conditions. Permission to enter can only be obtained from the Building Official. The building may or may not be repairable; consult with a licensed engineer or architect to determine the next steps.



Yellow Placard (Restricted Use) The building can be used per the restrictions noted on the placard. Parts of the building may be usable, or the building can be entered briefly to obtain important possessions. However, parts of the building might be hazardous, and use of these sections may not be allowed.



Green Placard (Inspected) The building has had a visual assessment by a building professional, and no apparent structural hazard has been found as of the date and time of the assessment. The inspection may not reveal other latent property hazards, and owners are encouraged to hire a certified or licensed professional to ensure the property is structurally sound.

Additional Questions? Please call or send an email. Staff is available to assist.

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