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## To work in Prosper contractors must be registered *Volatile weather means repairs more likely, homeowners should be aware*

PROSPER (April 12, 2011) Homeowners needing repairs to their residences should make contacting the Town's Building Inspections department their first step in the process, according to Wayne Snell, the Town's Building Official.

"Doing so, allows us to advise the homeowner on the status of the contractor's registration, and whether or not a permit is required," he said.

Volatile weather like the Town recently experienced means that wind, rain and hail can cause significant damage to homes and businesses in the area. "Making use of the Town's staff as a resource during these times is a smart move, because we can help insure that your chosen contractor is registered with the Town, is permitted for the work and appropriate inspections are being made of the work performed," he added.

"The arrival of the storm season should serve as a reminder to all homeowners that general contractors doing work on their property must be registered with the Town before work commences. That's really the only way we can make certain that repairs are done with at least some level of confidence," he said.

General contractors wishing to do work in Prosper are required to submit the following information to the Town: a completed contractor registration application supplied by the Town; a valid driver's license of the contractor or a responsible officer of the company that employs the contractor; proof that the contractor or the contractor's employer maintains liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) or a bond of equal value; and any other information deemed necessary by the Building Official.

"In addition to the registering and bonding of the contractor, most major repairs require that the homeowner or contractor obtain a permit," added Snell. Minor repairs such as repairing a broken window do not require a permit, but replacing the entire window would require one. Building Inspections is located at 409 E. First Street, just south of the downtown area, and can be contacted by phone at 972-346-3502.

"We are always happy to assist homeowners as they navigate through the permitting process," he concluded.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 10,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."