PLACARDING
Inspection Criteria

Placarding a structure, in conjunction with a damage assessment inspection, is intended to identify to the public the danger level of entering a structure, and its degree of habitability. Can it be entered? Is it habitable? The placard classification and the damage assessment inspection classification may or may not correlate.

DANGEROUS – KEEP OUT (UNINHABITABLE) – Red
• In danger of collapse.
• Missing portions of structure – walls/roof.
• Live electrical wires/open gas lines.

LIMITED ENTRY (UNINHABITABLE) – Orange
• Not in danger of collapse.
• Significant damage – open to weather.
• Portions of structure missing.
• No live wires/open gas lines.

HABITABLE – REPAIRS NECESSARY (CURRENTLY HABITABLE) – Yellow
• Broken windows, missing shingles, wet interior, damaged siding.
• Utilities may/may not be functioning.

UNAFFECTED (CURRENTLY HABITABLE) – Green
• No damage observed.
• Utilities may/may not be functioning but no damage to them observed.
• Placarding these will help define outer ring of damages and outer ring of inspected structures.

SORRY WE MISSED YOU – White
• When the inspection of a structure’s interiors is required but access not achieved.

APPROVED TO CONNECT – Blue
• Only to be used if inspections of mechanical systems are to occur by staff and after coordination procedures are confirmed with utility companies and electrical inspector.
• Seldom used during the initial damage assessment inspection process.
• ‘Not Approved’ utility reconnections can help maintain the ‘Uninhabitable’ status of a structure.