



WIND AND HAIL UPDATE

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WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CLAIMS

At a recent agent meeting, a number of Producers informed the Association that they were recommending to their clients to withdraw claims that fell under the deductible or not report claims most likely to be under the deductible.

SC Wind recommends that your clients **not do this**. There are a number of reasons why this is a bad idea.

- * **Aggregate Deductible** -- The deductible is a policy period deductible. The deductible can be reduced for a future routine or catastrophe claim filed in the remainder of the policy period.
- * **Filing A Claim Is Not A Rating Factor** -- SC Wind does not use claim history in the rating and underwriting process.
- * **Damage Discovered Later** -- It is to the policyholder's advantage to have an experienced adjuster look at the property and document any signs of damage. If a claim is not filed and the potential loss is not documented, there can be challenges if the claim is reported six to twelve months later.

You should not simply report claims on all of your policies, but do report risks when there are signs of damage.