

OVERDUE TOW TRUCK AND TOW COMPANY ROUND-UP INSPECTION Scheduled on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 for Harris County and surrounding Counties.

Mark your calendar: TDLR is hosting one more Overdue Tow Round-Up inspection for tow companies and tow trucks that were last inspected in **October** 2016 or before. Inspections are required every two years. The Overdue Tow Truck Round-Up will take place on **Saturday, June 9th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at Parking Lot D on Polk Street and Lansing Street (across the street from Elias Ramirez State Office Building – 5425 Polk Street, Houston TX 77023).

It is necessary that all tow company owners or managers update company contact information in TOOLS to include telephone numbers, email, and mailing/physical addresses.

Tow Round-Up Inspections provide a convenient way to satisfy the two-year periodic inspection requirement

AN INSPECTOR WILL BE CONTACTING YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE. DURING THE INSPECTION PROCESS, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMPANY'S CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE INSPECTOR.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the following inspectors:

- Tisha Miller (713)817-8587 - Tisha.Miller@tdlr.texas.gov
- Jose Canizales (832) 453-3244 - Jose.Canizales@tdlr.texas.gov (Spanish)
- Donnis Estelle (832)752-8867 - Donnis.Estelle@tdlr.texas.gov

There are no fees associated with this inspection.

Tow truck and equipment inspection includes:

1. Tow operator's license (TDLR license and driver's license) for all drivers.
2. Current TLDR cab card
3. Proof of current liability insurance
4. Legible manufacturer's data plate or document from manufacturer stating the capacity of boom, winch or carry mechanism
5. Winch in good condition (must not exceed capacity of boom or leak oil)
6. Hydraulic lines free of leaks and in good condition
7. Cables meeting manufacturer's specifications and in good condition
8. Tow truck required signage

Additional Required Information:

For Consent Tow Companies

1. Documentation that drug tests have been performed, (not the actual results of the test).
2. Active tow company insurance

For Private Property and Incident Management Tow Companies

1. Proof the company is following the adopted drug test policy for all employees and the owner, if applicable, and documentation that drug tests have been performed – not the actual results of the test).

2. Five (5) non-consent tow tickets from each of the following months: January 2017, June 2017, March 2018, (15 tickets total). If you do not have five for each month, we will need to inspect 15 tow tickets from the last six months).

3. Active tow company insurance

The Three Most Common Violations found at Tow Round-ups are:

- Lack of the required drug testing for all tow operators (16 Tex. Admin Code 86.710)
- Required tow truck signage missing or improperly displayed (16 Tex. Admin Code 86.701)
- Data plate not legible or no manufacturer's documentation indicating the capacity of the boom, the winch or the carry mechanism (16 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 86.1000(a)(1)(2))

**** TDLR WILL NOT CHECK FOR TOW TRUCK EQUIPMENT (fire extinguishers, broom, shovel, etc...) ****