

How to Import TIGER Data

TIGER data includes things such as roads, rivers, railways and road names on your map in the farm view. Each county has it's own data.

To import TIGER data:

1. Find out what your county code is.
2. Go to <http://www.zipinfo.com/search/zipcode.htm> to search for the city or zip code
3. Select the county name and FIPS code check box to include that in your results.
4. Go to http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/tigerua/ua_tgr2k.html and select the appropriate state.
5. The files are organized so that the filenames are TGR (State Code)(County Code)

NOTE: An example would be TGR38009.zip. The state code is 38 and the county code is 009.

6. Download the file that has the last three digits that match your county code. Save that file anywhere on your computer
7. Extract the files that are compressed in the zip file to a new folder.
8. Open JDOffice.
9. From the menu bar choose "File" then choose "Preferences"
10. Click on the "Maps" tab. Make sure there is not a check in "Compress distances between fields or farm map"
11. Select the "TIGER Info" tab. Check the Show TIGER info check box. Change the "Info drawn extends..." to a different number than 0.
12. Click "OK". Otherwise no TIGER data will be viewed.

NOTE: If after they import the TIGER data into JDOffice they can't see it, they probably need to make this number larger.

13. From the menu bar choose "File"->"Import"->"TIGER Data".
14. Choose the rt1 file for the county that you want to import data for and click on "Open". The files with the extension rt1 are the only files that will be present in this window even though there are more files in the folder that belong to this county. The rt1files reference the other files but you don't need to select them.

If you are on the border of a county, you will have to do steps 1-7 and 14-15 for that county as well but you can add as many counties to the map that you want. TIGER data info is graphics related and may slow computer performance.

You can also change the colors of the Roads, Rivers, Railways, Names and shut off the Names by selecting File->Preferences->TIGER Info.