

Earthwork Notification Required

All contractors with permits to conduct earthwork (excavation) must notify the Buildings Department before work may begin. This document summarizes the notification requirements.

Notification Timing

Contractors must call (212) 227 – 4416 to notify the Department of the excavation's date and time. Notification must be given 24 to 48 hours before earthwork begins.

Cancellation Requirement

Contractors must notify the Department in advance if the excavation is cancelled. Notification must be no later than the day of the scheduled work and no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled work date.

Audits

The Department will conduct random on-site excavations audits to inspect:

- Excavation Depth
- Pumping Operations
- Pile Driving Operations
- Sheeting/Shoring/Bracing
- Angle of Repose
- Forms Bracing
- Underpinning
- Ground Water
- Work as per Plan
- Evidence of Control Inspection

Department site monitoring does not relieve engineers and contractors of their professional responsibilities.

Failure to Notify

The Department will issue violations for Failure to Notify when contractors do not alert the Agency of excavations operations. If the work violates any applicable laws, rules or regulations, the Commissioner may issue a Stop Work Order for three days or longer.

Questions?

Email OperationsRedesign@buildings.nyc.gov

Information You Need to Know!