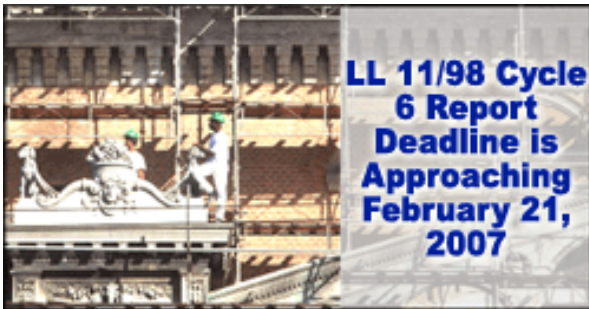


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What's New?

Local Law 11/98 Facade Inspection Deadline Approaching



The window for filing LL 11/98 Cycle 6 Reports ends February 21, 2007. [Local Law 11/98 \(LL 11/98\)](#) mandates the periodic inspection of exterior walls and appurtenances of buildings greater than six stories in height. If a building had SWARMP (Safe With A Repair and Maintenance Program) conditions in its Cycle 5 LL 11/98 Facade Report (1999 - 2005), repairs should be completed as per the

recommendations of the report, before filing for Cycle 6. If those repairs have not been completed, the Cycle 6 LL 11/98 Facade Report for the building must be filed as "Unsafe" and the owner may face the possibility of violations and fines. View the [Local Law 11/98 Facade Guide](#) for more information.

Rules Governing Green Building Standards

Beginning in January, new buildings and additions constructed by the City that cost more than \$2 million must be energy efficient and adhere to the LEED green building guidelines written by the United States Green Building Council and requirements of [Local Law 86 of 2005](#) (121 kb-pdf). Local Law 86 requires larger structures to exceed the State Energy Code requirements by better controlling air infiltration through the building, providing highly efficient mechanical equipment, using more efficient lighting fixtures, and by using control systems that limit energy use to when occupants actually need it. Other requirements include using recycled materials whenever possible, purchasing materials within the region and recycling demolition and construction waste. Smaller alterations will also be required to meet energy and water efficiency standards, depending on the scope of work.

To further encourage the development of energy efficient buildings, the City has created an advisory board that includes 15 environmental experts to evaluate how the building industry can become more energy conscious. In addition, upon passage of the proposed Building Code, the Buildings Department will be able to offer plan approval and work permit fee rebates for the accomplishment of certain green building strategies. View the [notice of the public hearing and the text of the proposed rule](#) (41 kb-pdf).

Two Contractors Plead Guilty in Brooklyn Scaffold Collapse

Two contractors pleaded guilty to federal charges in connection with a Brooklyn scaffold collapse that resulted in a worker's death. The charges against the defendants followed an investigation into the collapse of a scaffold being used in Brooklyn to waterproof a brick facade. The investigation revealed that the defendants had not provided the workers with the federally-mandated fall prevention protection. View the [press release](#) (27 kb-pdf) for more information.

Updated Fact Sheet on Local Law 52 of 2005

There have been some updates to the Local Law 52 of 2005 Fact Sheet. On November 19th, [Local Law 52 of 2005](#) (121 kb-pdf) went into effect requiring a permit for any supported scaffold that is 40 feet or more in height. In addition to permit requirements, workers must take scaffold safety training courses. View the [updated LL 52 fact sheet](#) (26 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Build Safe NYC Project

For the first time in history, New York City's top contractors and the Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA) have enacted self-imposed site safety guidelines to further protect workers and the public. Entitled the "Build Safe NYC Project", the guidelines were developed by the 1,200 contractors who make-up the BTEA, as well as the 56 affiliates of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York. The Build Safe NYC Project has established minimum safety standards on all building construction projects, including personal protective equipment, disciplinary policies, certification requirements and public protection. View the [Build Safe NYC Project's Code of Conduct](#) (25 kb-pdf), Buildings Department [presentation](#) (629 kb-pdf), the [BTEA press release](#) (27 kb-pdf), and the [photos](#) from the event.

Intro 425-A Electrical Code Amendments

On Tuesday, December 5, 2006, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg signed into law Introductory Number 425-A, which updates the New York City Electrical Code as required by Local Law 64 of 2001. The amended Electrical Code reflects technological advances that make it more responsive to today's special requirements of building and construction in New York City. View the supplemental [fact sheet](#) and the [photos](#).

Reminder

Upcoming Holidays

The Buildings Department will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 25, 2006 - Christmas Day

Monday, January 1, 2007 - New Year's Day

Visit us online for a complete listing of the Department's [holiday schedule](#) and the [Cranes & Derricks weekend schedule](#).

Did You Know?

Did you know that because of the [Plan Examination Notification System \(PENS\)](#), the Department's average wait time for Fiscal Year 2006 for a plan examination appointment decreased 70% from Fiscal Year 2005? Implemented in 2004, PENS allows customers to schedule a plan examination appointments via the City's 311 Citizen Service Center, making it easier and faster to do business with us.

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