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What's New

eFiling to Replace PC Filing February 19



On Tuesday, February 19, we're fully launching our expanded [eFiling system](#) to include construction permit application filings. Because of this expansion, as of February 19, PC filing will no longer be available. All PC Filing applications must be completed and uploaded at DEAR by February 15. Questions about eFiling? Email us at OperationsRedesign@buildings.nyc.gov with your inquiries, and we'll be sure to give you the answers you need. For more information, view our [registration guide](#) (312 kb-pdf) and our eFiling [FAQs](#) (161 kb-pdf).

Special Inspections Qualifications

Information You Need To Know

To help our customers transition from controlled inspections to the special inspections required under our [New NYC Construction Codes](#), we have developed an easy-to-use [guide](#) (341 kb-pdf). This guide outlines the proposed qualifications needed to perform the various types of special inspections, which become effective under the New Codes in July 2008. Visit the [NYC Construction Codes](#) section of our website for more information about the New Codes.

New Customer Service Call Center for Boiler Questions

Making It Easier

As part of our ongoing effort to improve our service, on February 19th the Buildings Department is launching a customer service call center dedicated to annual boiler filing and violation questions. View the [service announcement](#) (26 kb-pdf) for more information.

New Energy Code Requirements

Information You Need To Know

The Buildings Department is extending the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State requirement to file an energy analysis to all Alteration 2 and Alteration 3 applications. Beginning February 19, the borough offices will only accept the newly-revised PW-1 Form, which must include the [ECCCNYS Professional Compliance Statement](#) in Section 10. View the [service announcement](#) (37 kb-pdf) for more information.

New NYC Construction Codes Effective Dates

Information You Need To Know



Construction professionals will be able to use the [New NYC Construction Codes](#) July 1, 2008, and the New Codes will be mandated for new construction projects July 1, 2009. During this interim period, builders may use either the New NYC Construction Codes or the

[1968 Building Code](#) to prepare new construction plans. However, certain administrative provisions of the New Codes must be adhered to beginning July 1, 2008. View the [effective dates](#) (2,418 kb-pdf) fact sheet for more information about when you may use the New Codes and when you must use them.

Training & Workshops

New Codes Training at the Javits Center

Information You Need To Know



The Buildings Department is hosting a comprehensive training session on the [New NYC Construction Codes](#) for the public and industry on Friday, February 29. This session will be held at the [Jacob K. Javits Convention Center](#). Our technical team will focus on the new [2008 Building Code](#) and new administrative procedures under the New Codes. View the [flyer](#) to learn how to sign up today. [Registration](#) is required, and seating is limited.

Suspended Scaffold Seminars

Dedicated to Safety



To raise the professional level of care and reinforce safety requirements, our [Scaffold Safety Team](#) conducts scaffold safety seminars every Monday and Friday to address the [rules and regulations](#) for special riggers. View the [flyer](#) (85 kb-pdf) for more information on how to attend one of these seminars.

Buildings Around Town

Queens AIA New Codes Event



On February 12, Office of Technical Certification and Research Director Alan Price, PE, and OTCR Deputy Director Gus Sirakis, PE, delivered a [presentation](#) (533 kb-pdf) on the New NYC Construction Codes at the [American Institute of Architects Queens Chapter](#) monthly meeting. These experts focused on the technical and administrative provisions of the New Codes. Visit the [NYC Construction Codes](#) section of our website to learn about prior Code training sessions.

Women's City Club of NY Greening of the Code Panel

On January 22, Chief Sustainability Officer Deborah Taylor, AIA, LEED AP, led a program entitled "Greening the Code: An Overview and Panel Discussion on the

New NYC Construction Codes" at an event hosted by the Infrastructure Committee of the Women's City Club of NY. Taylor discussed how changes in the New Codes will contribute to greening the Code. The [Women's City Club of NY](#) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit civic organization that seeks to shape public policy through education, advocacy and citizen participation. The [Infrastructure Committee](#) focuses on the challenges posed by NYC's continued growth and how it impacts fundamental services. View the [presentation](#) (758 kb-pdf) delivered at the event.

Reminder



Upcoming Holiday

The Buildings Department will be closed Monday, February 18, 2008 in honor of Presidents' Day. Visit us online for a complete listing of our 2008 [Holiday Schedule](#).

Did You Know?

Did you know that [eFiling](#) allows you to save partially-completed applications? When preparing your PW-1 Form, every time you switch to a different page in the interview process, the application is automatically saved. In addition, each page has a "Save Now" button that saves all inputted information when clicked. For more information, view our eFiling [FAQs](#) (161 kb-pdf).

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