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What's New

New NYC Construction Codes Trainings



Over the past year, applicants have had the option to use either the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) or the [1968 Building Code](#) for new construction. On July 1, 2009, the new NYC Construction Codes will become mandatory. To assist with this transition, the Buildings Department is hosting a [series of workshops](#) that focus on specific topics in the new Codes.

These workshops are:

[Special Inspections](#)

Synagogue for the Arts
49 White Street, MN

Thursday, May 14

4:00PM - 7:00PM

[Fire Protection/Fire Suppression](#)

The Union League Club
Lincoln Hall
38 East 37th Street, MN

Monday, June 15

4:00PM - 7:00PM

[New Egress Requirements](#)

The Union League Club
Lincoln Hall
38 East 37th Street, MN

Thursday, June 18

4:00PM - 7:00PM

[New Accessibility Provisions](#)

Center for Architecture
536 LaGuardia Place, MN

Thursday, June 25

8:00AM - 11:00AM

Property Tax Abatement for Going Green

Information You Need To Know



To support recent New York State laws providing property tax abatements for the installation of [green roofs](#) and [solar electric-generating systems](#), the Buildings Department has implemented [new rules](#) for tax abatement applications. The Department has created a [fact sheet](#) which reviews the process for completing abatement applications and compiled [frequently asked questions](#) to assist applicants.

Deadline to Complete OSHA Class

Dedicated to Safety

Under [Local Law 41 of 2008](#), all workers at "major buildings" (as defined by the new Codes) are required to complete a 10-hour course in construction safety approved by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Effective July 1, 2009, site safety plans of major buildings must include a statement that all workers have completed this course. Visit OSHA's website to locate an [authorized training facility](#) and for information on how to become an [authorized trainer](#).

New Requirements for Bicycle Parking

Information You Need To Know

New multi-family residential, community facility and commercial buildings must now have secure bicycle parking. Applicants must identify the required [bicycle parking spaces](#) on the following documents: Schedule A, floor plans and zoning calculations. The number of required spaces will depend on the type and size of the building.

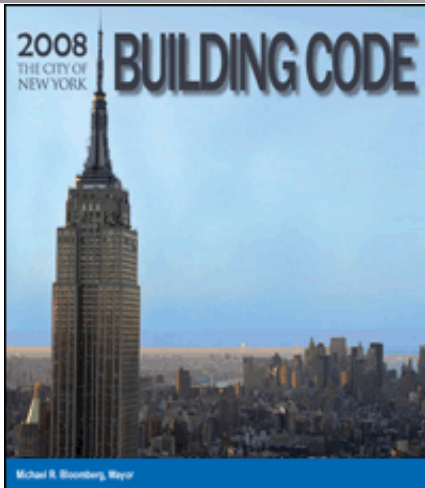
Three-Year License Terms

Information You Need To Know

Oil burner installer and elevator agency director, co-director and inspector licenses that are processed or renewed after July 1, 2009 will receive a [three-year term](#) (instead of the previous one-year term) and must comply with the new fees.

Updates to Codes Available Online

Information You Need To Know



The Buildings Department website now includes important updated information and documents associated with the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) and the [1968 Building Code](#).

In the [NYC Construction Codes](#) section of the website, the "[Update Pages](#)" for the new codes are now available. These pages reflect local laws enacted and ministerial administrative corrections made after July 1, 2008. The pages include modifications made to all the Construction Codes. The hardcopy versions of the code books are not complete without the insertion of these Update Pages.

The 1968 Building Code has recently been updated by Update Set #2 which includes amendments made up to July 1, 2008. [Update Set #1](#) and [Update Set #2](#) are available in the [Reference Materials](#) section of the Department's website and should be inserted into your copy of the 1968 Building Code for a full and complete code. These updates are also available in hardcopy form at [CityStore](#).

Required Item Checklist

Information You Need To Know

The Required Item Checklist ([PC1 Form](#)), which is used by applicants filing professionally-certified applications, has been [updated](#) to include additional required items.

One-Way Voice Communication Systems

Information You Need To Know

Earlier this year, the Department amended [Section 907-01 of Chapter 900](#) of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York relating to one-way voice communication systems. This amendment becomes effective May 17, 2009.

Amendment to Fuel Gas Code

Information You Need To Know

On April 30, 2009, the Department amended the Fuel Gas Code to include [Chapter 6000](#), which references the 2004 edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code instead of the 2001 edition. This amendment creates consistency among the codes as the 2004 edition conforms to the ASME portion of Section MC 1502 of the New York City Mechanical Code. This amendment becomes effective June 11, 2009.

Fire Protection of Elevator Hoistways

Information You Need To Know

On April 30, 2009, the Department adopted [Chapter 3600, Subchapter Q, Section 3616-01](#) which amends reference standard NFPA 13 in Section BCQ102 of the New York City Building Code. This rule promotes public safety with respect to fire protection of elevator hoistways by providing design standards for the proper installation of sprinkler system components within the hoistways and benefits the public by requiring a proven safety practice based upon a nationally recognized standard. This rule becomes effective June 11, 2009.

Low Pressure Boiler Inspections

Information You Need To Know



On June 18, 2009, the Department will hold a public hearing on a [proposed rule](#) relating to low pressure boiler inspection and filing requirements, penalties and waivers. The hearing will be held at 1:00pm in the 6th Floor Training Room at Department Headquarters at 280 Broadway in Manhattan.

Buildings Around Town

Construction Safety Week 2009



Last week marked the Department's fifth annual [Construction Safety Week](#). Throughout the week, the Department sponsored 14 events with more than 25 speakers discussing topics ranging from licensing requirements to crane regulations. In addition, Department staff visited construction sites across the City to talk directly with workers about ways to stay safe on the job. [Presentations](#) from the Safety Week trainings and seminars are now available on the Buildings Department website. View [photos](#) from the week.

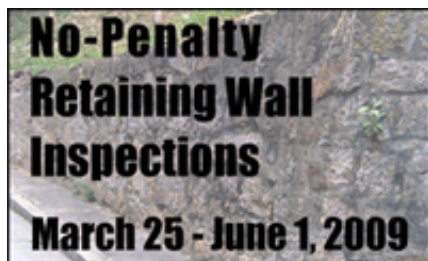
Reminder

Nightly Job Site Requirements

Dedicated to Safety

The new [NYC Construction Codes](#) include new inspection and filing requirements to advance construction site safety for workers and the public. The Department has created a [guide](#) that summarizes the nightly job site inspection requirements.

Did You Know?



Did you know there is less than a month left to request a no-penalty inspection of your retaining wall? Through June 1, 2009, homeowners may call 3-1-1 and have an inspector assess their retaining wall without penalty of violation. As the seasons change, retaining walls can become particularly susceptible to deterioration which can put nearby buildings at risk.

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