

NYC CityBench Request Form

Sidewalks & Pedestrians



The CityBench program is an initiative to increase the amount of public seating on New York City’s streets. DOT is installing attractive and durable benches around the city, particularly at bus stops, retail corridors, and in areas with high concentrations of senior citizens. These benches will make streets more comfortable for transit riders and pedestrians, especially for those who are older or disabled. Anyone can request a bench. If you know of a good location that meets the requirements below, please submit this Request Form by mail to the address located at the end of this form, or apply online at www.nyc.gov/citybench.

In order to support walking and transit, priority bench locations include:

- Bus stops without shelters
- Sidewalks near transit facilities (e.g., subway stations)
- Senior centers
- Hospitals and community health centers
- Commercial zones and shopping districts
- Municipal facilities (e.g., public libraries)

Base Requirements:

- Sidewalk width must be a minimum of 12 feet wide from building to curb
- Proposed location cannot be directly opposite a building entrance or cellar door

In addition, benches cannot be placed within:

- 25’ of an intersection
- 15’ of subway exit
- 15’ of newstand
- 15’ of fire hydrant
- 8’ of bicycle rack
- 7’ of driveway
- 5’ of sidewalk cafe
- 5’ of tree
- 5’ of stand pipe
- 4’ of phone booth
- 4’ of mailbox
- 4’ of street light
- 4’ of parking meter
- 4’ of news rack
- 4’ of utility poles
- 3’ of canopy
- 3’ of utility hole
- 3’ of grate/vent
- 3’ of sign pole
- 3’ of tree pit edge

Request a Bench

** indicates required field*

Applicant Info:

Name *: _____ Organization (if applicable): _____

Email *: _____ Phone #: _____

Number of benches you would like to request: *

- One
- Two

Preferred type of bench:

- With back
- Backless (sit on either side)

Preferred orientation:

- Near the curb
- Closer to the building

If you would like to request more than two benches, please contact citybench@dot.nyc.gov or call 212-839-6577.

Proposed Location:

Address *: _____

Describe location * (e.g., In front of Joe’s Pharmacy): _____

Borough *: Bronx Brooklyn Manhattan Queens Staten Island

Would the bench, which is approximately 8’ long, span two properties? yes no I don’t know

Secondary address (if yes above): _____

Proposed Location (continued):

This location is... (check all that apply)

- adjacent to a bus stop without a shelter
- within one block of a senior center
- within one block of a hospital or community health center
- within one block of a municipal facility (e.g., public library)
- within one block of a subway station, commuter rail station, or other transit stop
- in a commercial zone and or shopping district

Property Owner:

(DOT will notify the property owner before installing the bench)

- I don't know who owns this property
- I do know who owns this property (Fill in below)

Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Second Property Owner:

(If proposed location is between two properties or includes more than one property)

- I don't know who owns this property
- I do know who owns this property (Fill in below)

Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Is there anything else you would like to add?