

NYC CityBench Request Form

Sidewalks & Pedestrians



The CityBench program is an initiative to increase the amount of public seating on New York’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 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)

Request a Bench

The sidewalk must be at least 12 feet wide from building to curb face for backed benches. For backless benches at bus stops, the sidewalk must be at least 14 feet wide. Other clearance requirements also apply – to learn more, please visit www.nyc.gov/citybench or call (212) 839-6569.

* indicates required field

Date: ____/____/____

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) 839-6692.

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 feet long, span two properties? yes no I don't know

Secondary address (if yes above): _____

Is there anything else you would like to add?

To ensure a response to your application, please provide your email address and/or phone number. Please email this form to the CityBench Program, at citybench@dot.nyc.gov.