

Superstorm Sandy Assistance

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Who Can NBAT Help?

The NYC New Business Acceleration Team (NBAT) can assist food and beverage establishments affected by Superstorm Sandy by providing critical information and coordinating needed services to help these businesses re-open as soon as possible. Restaurants, bars, bakeries, butcher shops, and grocery stores can all receive assistance from NBAT. NBAT will serve as a point-of-contact for impacted businesses and will provide necessary services.

What Services Can NBAT Provide?

Impacted businesses will be assigned a client manager who can help evaluate their situation and provide them with accurate information and referrals. A client manager can serve as a business owner's point person and assess their service needs, answer questions and help schedule certain inspections / site visits. Client managers can provide referrals for financial assistance and facilitate interactions related to the following agencies:

- Department of Buildings
- Department of Consumer Affairs
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Sanitation
- Department of Small Business Services
- Department of Transportation
- Fire Department
- Landmarks Preservation Commission
- NYC Business Solutions' Centers
- Office of People with Disabilities
- Public Utilities

Utilizing NBAT

Site Visits / Inspections

Impacted businesses can request a site visit where agency personnel walk-through an establishment and outline measures needed to bring the establishment back into compliance with government rules and regulations.

Client managers will refer businesses for site visits and inspections to agencies including:

- [Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Site Visits](#)
Provide guidance on maintaining sanitary and safe operations. For severely impacted businesses, staff will instruct businesses on steps required to re-open.

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Site Visits / Inspections (con't)

- Department of Buildings: Construction Inspections (Alt Type 1/2/3, Place of Assembly, Equipment Use Cards)
Determine whether the structural integrity of a location has been compromised and advise what safety measures need to be taken to bring it into compliance.
- Fire Department: Commercial Cooking Rangehood Inspections
Review Building and Fire Code requirements for the setup of independent exhaust systems for commercial cooking equipment producing smoke and grease-laden vapors or fumes. These inspections are conducted to ensure establishments maintain adequate fire protection.
- Fire Department: District Office Inspections (CO2/Air-Conditioning/Aerosols)
Inspect combustible materials or equipment stored on the premises to ensure adequate safety measures are in place to prevent fires.
- Department of Environmental Protection: Grease Interceptor Inspections
Ensure the integrity of existing grease interceptors to prevent back-ups into your location or public water sources.

Plan Examination

Severely impacted businesses requiring substantial rebuilding will likely need to submit drawings for plan review and permit issuance. Accelerated plan review can be conducted by NBAT-assigned plan examiners for the following:

- Department of Buildings: Plan Review of Construction Drawings
Determine if the proposed work meets Building Code standards
- Fire Department: Plan Review of Fire Suppression Drawings
Determine if the proposed installation meets Fire Code standards

BUSINESS OWNERS IN NEED OF HELP MAY CONTACT NBAT BY CALLING 3-1-1 OR 212-788-6722; NBAT CLIENT MANAGERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU. BUSINESS OWNERS MAY ALSO VISIT WWW.NYC.GOV FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.