

**NYC
BUILD IT
BACK**

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What happens after I register for NYC Build it Back?

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Meet with a Housing Recovery Specialist

- ▶ After you register for NYC Build it Back, Build it Back will contact you to schedule a meeting. Priority meetings will be given to those with the greatest need and most damage.
- ▶ The meeting will in most cases take place at one of the City's Build it Back Centers
- ▶ Make sure to bring all required documents. For a list of required documentation refer to the Checklist also available at nyc.gov/builditback.

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Determine Eligibility, Assess the Damage to Your Home

- ▶ A NYC Build it Back inspector will come to your home to assess the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy
- ▶ NYC Build it Back will review the documentation you provided and the completed damage assessment to determine which of the NYC Build it Back options (Rebuild, Repair, Acquisition or Reimbursement) may be available to you.

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Review Your NYC Build it Back Options

- ▶ You will meet with a Housing Recovery Specialist to learn about your options based on your needs and eligibility.

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Finalize Your Build it Back Plan

- ▶ You will meet with a Housing Recovery Specialist to finalize your NYC Build it Back plan.
- ▶ You will sign a commitment letter and grant agreement with NYC Build it Back.

The NYC Build it Back Options

NYC Build it Back provides several pathways to help homeowners and building owners return to permanent, sustainable housing: Repair, Rebuild, Reimbursement and Acquisition / Buyouts. These are the options a Housing Recovery Specialist will discuss with you if you are eligible for funding.

Repair

Your home needs moderate or major repairs.

- ▶ NYC Build it Back will assign you a contractor to repair and rehabilitate your home.
- ▶ You also may have the option to hire your own contractor who meets NYC qualifications.
- ▶ NYC Build it Back will make payments directly to the contractor.
- ▶ Funding may be available for elevation for eligible homes with substantial damage.

Rebuild

You need to rebuild your home completely.

- ▶ You can work with a homebuilder chosen for your community and select design elements for your new house.
- ▶ You also may have the option to hire your own contractor who meets NYC qualifications.
- ▶ NYC Build it Back will make payments directly to the contractor.

Reimbursement

You have already spent your own funds to make repairs to your home.

- ▶ NYC Build it Back may reimburse you for eligible repairs.
- ▶ It is important to save all receipts for work done and items purchased for eligible repairs.
- ▶ Bring your receipts to your first meeting with a Housing Recovery Specialist.
- ▶ At this point reimbursements may only be available for homes with less than substantial damage.

Acquisitions / Buyouts

An alternative for eligible homeowners.

- ▶ If your home is in an eligible area, you may have the option to voluntarily sell your home to the government.
- ▶ New York City and New York State have been working together to determine if this option makes sense in your neighborhood.
- ▶ Purchased properties may be returned to undeveloped, open space. Or be redeveloped as housing.