



Repair with Elevation Program: What to Expect When Elevating



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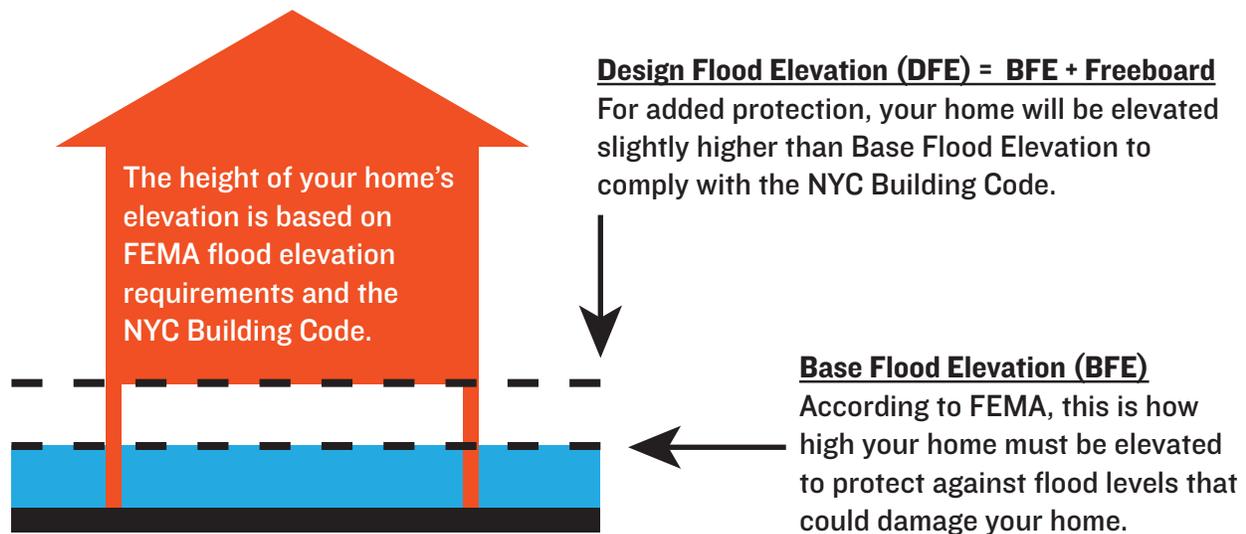
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Why does my home need to be elevated?

Elevating your home can protect it from future flood damage. All one-to-four family homes that are determined by Build it Back to be “substantially damaged” by Hurricane Sandy are required to be elevated to comply with the NYC Building Code. “Substantial Damage” means that the cost to repair the storm damage to your home is greater than 50% of the pre-storm market value of your home as determined by the NYC Department of Finance. This calculation uses the value of your home only, and does not include the land.

For example, if your home’s market value was \$150,000 before the storm and it sustained \$80,000 in storm damage costs, the storm damage costs are 53% of the pre-storm market value. Your home is then considered substantially damaged and must be elevated to comply with the NYC Building Code.

How high will my home be elevated?



What are the benefits of elevating my home?

- ▶ FEMA’s new flood maps show that much more of New York City is at risk of coastal flooding than previously estimated. Elevating your home will lower your risk of future flood damage.
- ▶ Elevating your home to the Design Flood Elevation height (described above) may significantly reduce the cost of your flood insurance premium.
- ▶ Elevating high risk homes is important to maintaining the long term safety and resilience of our neighborhoods.

The Elevation Process

At the Options Review Meeting, a Housing Recovery Specialist will give you general information about the elevation process and will tell you the estimated height of your home's elevation. After you sign your Option Selection Agreement, beginning your participation in Build it Back's Repair with Elevation Program, the following steps will take place:

1. Site Visit

A licensed land surveyor will inspect conditions around your home to determine how high your home must be elevated. They may also need to take samples of the soil around your home during a follow-up visit.

2. Elevation Consultation

A Build it Back Design Specialist, who is either an architect or engineer, will inspect and take detailed measurements of the inside and outside of your home and discuss how your home might be elevated.

3. Elevation Meeting

You will meet at your Build it Back Design Specialist's office to review technical elevation drawings. The Design Specialist will show you how you will access your elevated home, where your mechanical equipment will go and what your home will look like after elevation. You must sign a form so that the drawings can be submitted to the NYC Department of Buildings for approval.

4. Design Consultation

Build it Back Design Specialists and your Build it Back Contractor will visit your home to discuss and develop a detailed list of all the finish work to be completed in your home. They will also help you make your style and color selections for certain items like cabinets, appliances, flooring, and others.

5. Agreements

You will discuss relocation dates and sign a Tri-Party Agreement with your Design Specialist and Contractor. You must also sign and notarize a Grant Agreement that requires Build it Back to pay for the repairs specified during the Design Consultation.

6. Construction

Construction will start on a date determined by you, your Design Specialists and your Build it Back Contractor in the Tri-Party Agreement. Build it Back will visit your home throughout the construction process to inspect the work and will perform a final inspection to confirm work is complete. **It is important that you make arrangements to be out of your home while your house is being elevated.**

Important notes:

- ▶ Elevated buildings cannot have any living spaces below the Base Flood Elevation. All basements and cellars will be filled in during home elevation.
- ▶ After elevation, the space below the lowest elevated floor of your home can only be used for access, storage and parking.
- ▶ All mechanical equipment, where possible, will be raised above Base Flood Elevation during home elevation.