



NEWSLETTER

NYC Health Department Statement on Air Quality 6-28-23

While forecasting air quality is challenging and often unpredictable, we anticipate that conditions could deteriorate -- getting worse on Thursday -- due to unprecedented wildfires in Canada

Poor air quality can affect people differently, so individuals must assess their own sensitivities and adjust to conditions at the time. The most important action we can take is to stay informed. [Airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov) provides regular updates of air conditions in your community.

While we currently project air quality index (AQI) to be in the moderate range (between 51-100) today, wind patterns can quickly change without notice.

At an AQI of 101-150, New Yorkers who are likely to be most sensitive to a reduction in air quality and who should take precautions include:

1. Children,
2. Older adults, and
3. People of all ages with heart or breathing problems (e.g., asthma, heart failure).

When the AQI goes over 150, ALL New Yorkers should begin to take precautions.

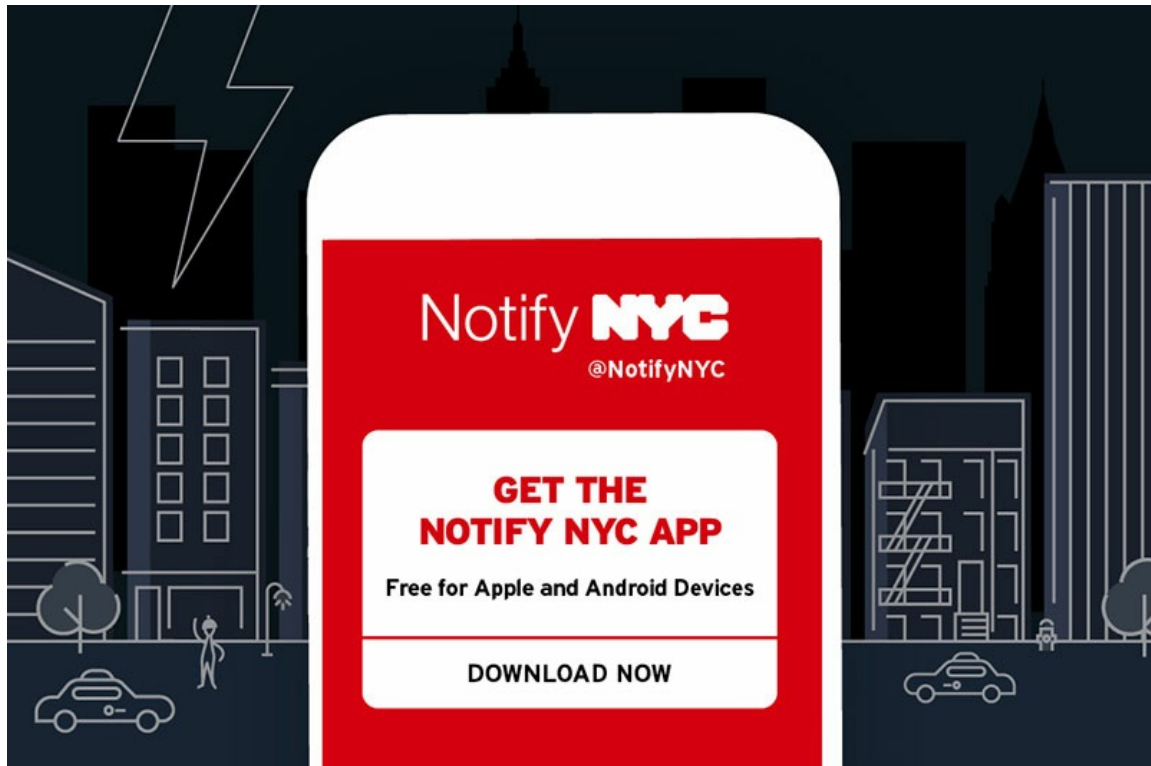
These precautions include:

- Limiting time outdoors and/or taking frequent breaks from the outdoors.
- Avoiding prolonged and intense outdoor activities (this is especially important for caretakers, as children with asthma are especially sensitive).
- Call 911 if you or someone you're caring for has trouble breathing.
- Monitoring conditions and being prepared. Now is a good time to pick up a mask, in case air quality deteriorates. The city is already making masks available at FDNY firehouses and NYPD precincts and is looking to expand supplies to more vulnerable communities.
- When air quality is poor, wearing a high-quality mask (e.g., N95) can reduce exposure to harmful pollutants. We will continue to communicate with New Yorkers about air quality through the summer. The situation will change regularly but we can be prepared for the months ahead.

The city will provide alerts if conditions deteriorate further (e.g., AQI above 200), but warnings sent by your body are equally important. New Yorkers should listen to their body. Reactions to poor air quality can include watery eyes, scratchy throat, headaches, or shortness of breath.

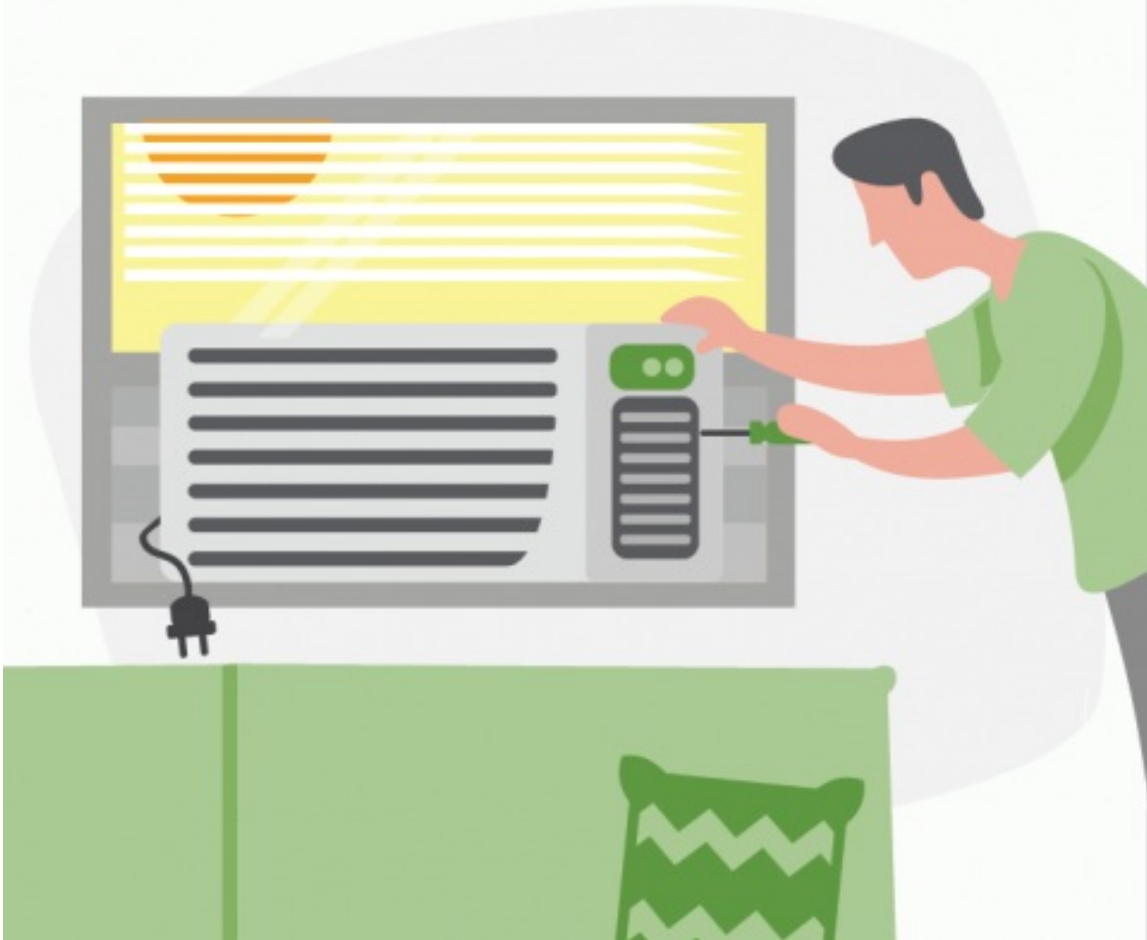
If you feel any of these conditions, go indoors and limit time outside.

Extreme Heat Preparedness Reminders



New York City's official source of information about alerts and important city services is NotifyNYC.

Sign Up today at nyc.gov/notifynyc.



It's not too late to get a [free air conditioner!](#) You may qualify for up to \$1,000 in benefits to get a new unit or replace an outdated one, so please [check your eligibility](#). Staying cool helps you and your loved ones stay safe in the summer months.

Tips for your home

- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device. Fans create air flow and a false sense of comfort, but do not reduce body temperature or prevent heat-related illnesses.
- Cover windows with drapes or shades.
- Weather-strip doors and windows.
- Use window reflectors specifically designed to reflect heat back outside.
- Add insulation to keep the heat out.
- Use a powered attic ventilator, or attic fan, to regulate the heat level of a building's attic by clearing out hot air.
- Install window air conditioners and insulate around them.



Our 2023 Commissioner for a Day winner, Syeda Ahmed visited our agency this past Monday. A rising 11th grade student at Bronx High School of Science, Syeda was chosen due to an exceptional essay she wrote about youth volunteerism and emergency management. During her visit at the agency, she participated in a variety of activities such as: meeting with our executive staff, a panel with various units, and she was a special guest on the Harbor Middle School podcast, which you can watch [here](#).

2023 Ready School of the Year



The 2023 Ready School of the Year, Harbor Middle School visited the agency on Monday, June 26th. The 6th grade students and faculty received a tour and met staff members from various units. They even received special presentations about Hazard Mitigation, Watch Command, and our Emergency Operations Center. To end the morning, students also got to visit our Urban Post Disaster Housing (UPDH) prototype. This was a perfect way to kick off their summer break!

Thank You AmeriCorps Fellows!



We would like to recognize and honor our three City Service AmeriCorps Members as their service comes to a close. Thank you Gabe, John and Sukant for your hard work and dedication towards aiding NYC communities.

Time Is Running Out!
Do You Know a Young Woman Between 16-22?
HERricane Applications due Friday 6/30

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A summer program for young women* ages 16-22 to learn more about careers in emergency management.



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The application along with more information can be found [here](#).

Keeping Homes Safe for Children Webinar Series

Community Engagement Webinar Series

Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention



Learn how to prevent children from getting burn injuries, and the first steps to take if a burn injury should occur.

This presentation will be led by Ekta Vohra, BSN, RN, CWON of the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Link: https://bit.ly/NYCEM_HOMESAFETY

NYC Emergency
Management

New York City Emergency Management Is Hiring



Ready New York Community Engagement Specialist Position Available

Ready New York, NYC Emergency Management's public education program, is seeking a community engagement specialist to lead the strategic planning and outreach efforts focused on engaging NYC's immigrant communities and people with limited English proficiency, especially in neighborhoods affected by Post-Tropical Storm Ida. This position requires someone who has a working knowledge of New York City and its immigrant community, and has shown commitment to developing community resilience.

Reach out to us at job@oem.nyc.gov.

Readiness Bureau Exercise Program Manager Position Available

New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) is seeking an Exercise Program Manager to work as part of the Readiness Bureau to accomplish the drills and exercise program development objectives as outlined in the US Department of Homeland Security's (USDHS) grant funding requirements. For the purpose of this program, an Exercise Program Manager is expected to possess the skills, experience and training necessary to allow them to employ a proactive, versatile approach to drill and exercise support, knowledge of the Citywide Incident Management System (CIMS), emergency preparedness planning, exercise program development and implementation, in addition to a wide range of other duties, including records retention, and data management.

Learn about this role [here](#).

Prepare Your NSGP Application: DHS Announces \$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) can provide funding support to nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, that are at high risk of terrorist attack. This funding can help your organization implement physical security enhancements and activities.

To learn more about the things you can do before the application period opens we've compiled this list:

- **English:** [Take these 4 Steps to Apply for a Nonprofit Security Grant | FEMA.gov](#)
- **Español:** [Siga estos 4 pasos para solicitar la subvención de seguridad para organizaciones sin fines de lucro | FEMA.gov](#)

Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>

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