

Buildings news

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Updated Software Tool For Energy Code Compliance



NYC Buildings partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy to create the newest versions of Commercial Code Compliance (COMcheck) and Residential Code Compliance (REScheck), available for download at the U.S. Department of Energy website. These programs were developed to assist builders, designers, and contractors with making sure that their projects are in compliance with the 2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code.

[Updated version of COMcheck & REScheck software](#)

Mayor and FEMA To Revise New York City Flood Maps

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2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code
[Effective 10.03.16](#)

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Permit Fees for New Buildings & Alterations
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Ambulatory Health Care & Animal Service Facilities
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PER 11 Manual Appointment Request Form
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Buildings Bulletins

2016-014: Establishes acceptance criteria for retractable-type horizontal cold aisle containment systems installed in information technology equipment areas.

[All Buildings Bulletins](#)

Local Laws

NYC Energy Conservation Code

[Local Law 125 of 2016](#) (effective retroactively 10.03.16), amends the Administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to conforming the New York City Energy Conservation Code to recent amendments to the 2016 New York State Energy Code.

Clean Heating Oil



Mayor de Blasio and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced an agreement this month to revise New York City's flood maps. The new maps will provide New Yorkers with more precise current flood risk data, and reflect future conditions that account for climate change. These revisions will help make the City's coastlines more resilient, while ensuring insurance purchasing requirements are consistent with the risk of a building's proximity to flood zones.

[FEMA Press Release](#)

[NYC Flood Maps Website](#)

137 New Inspectors Join DOB Ranks



NYC Buildings welcomed 137 new inspectors at our 2016 Inspector Graduation Ceremony earlier this month. Strengthened by intensive classroom work and field training, these inspectors will help the Department promote the safety of everyone who builds, works, and lives in New York City.

[Local Law 119 of 2016](#) (effective 10.18.16), amends the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to the use of clean heating oil.

2014 Construction Code Updates

[Update Page #16](#) reflects changes made by [Local Law 105 of 2016](#), [Local Law 106 of 2016](#) & [Local Law 107 of 2016](#) (effective 09.28.16), addressing foldable bicycle access in passenger elevators, bicycle access for elevators in residential buildings & bicycle access in office buildings, respectively.

Update Pages are printable inserts to keep your hard copy Construction Codes up to date.

All [Update Pages](#) for the 2014 NYC Construction Codes.

Code Notes

[Retail Laundry Facilities](#)

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Hearings + Rules

Construction Superintendents

[1 RCNY 102-01 Amendment](#) (effective 10.03.16), adding new infractions and updating two others in relation to responsibilities of construction superintendents.

[1 RCNY 104-26](#) (effective 10/03/16), allows Department of Buildings licensees to deactivate their licenses while remaining active in their respective trades.

[All Department Rules](#)

Sign up for Weather Alerts

Job Postings

Did You Know

NYC Buildings provides a [comprehensive list of Department approved course providers](#) that offer instruction in the areas of Concrete, Cranes & Derricks, Electrical, Plumbing, Site Safety, and Scaffolds.

NYC Buildings is hiring, and continuing to look for talented construction professionals who are interested in contributing to the safe development of New York City.

[DOB Employment Page](#)

Heat Season In New York City

Heat Season in the City occurs every year from the beginning of October through the end of May. During this time, residential building owners are required to provide heat to tenants when the outdoor temperature falls below 55 degrees during the day and below 40 degrees at night. If a landlord fails to provide heat, tenants can report it by calling 311.

[Mayor's Press Release](#)

[Heat and Hot Water Requirements \(NYC Housing Preservation and Development\)](#)

Disciplinary Cases

Following a facade failure last year at an Upper West Side building, which resulted in the death of a child, the owner was advised in Manhattan Criminal Court that the City will seek the maximum penalty in the case, including incarceration for the building's principal shareholder.

As a result of a Department audit, two Professional Engineers were found to have filed jobs filed under the Professional Certification program with multiple incidents of non-compliance. Both have surrendered their Professional Certification and Directive 14 privileges.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

[Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals](#)

Licensing Updates

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[Form LIC2](#)

[Affidavit: Lost/Stolen License](#)

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Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Rick D. Chandler, P.E., Commissioner

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Successful completion of these courses are a requirement for applying and renewing industry licenses, as well as holding certain positions on a construction site.

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