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2016 New York City Energy Code Goes Into Effect



The [2016 Energy Code](#) goes into effect on October 3rd! Are you ready?

Energy Code training can help you be prepared to meet the new requirements. Sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, training programs on the new requirements of the 2016 New York State and New York City Energy codes are available for design professionals and builders. Learn more!

[Training for Architects and Engineers*](#)

[Training for the 1,2,3 family Buildings Trades*](#)

NYC Solar Installations To Exceed 3,000 in 2016

Service Updates

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Permit Fees for New Buildings & Alterations

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PER 11 Manual Appointment Request Form

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Buildings Bulletins

Buildings Bulletins represent the official policies of the Department. Users may perform a key word search to obtain relevant bulletins.

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Local Laws

[Local Law 91 of 2016](#) signed by Mayor de Blasio on 08.03.16 enacting the 2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code (2016 NYCECC) has an effective date of 10.03.16.

Local Law 91 of 2016 conforms the New York city energy conservation code to the New York state energy code with amendments unique to construction in the city.



The Department of Buildings has already issued close to 3,000 permits for solar panel installations so far this year, an almost 1000% increase in permits issued compared to 2012. Thanks to the Department's streamlined permitting process, allowing small scale solar installation projects to enter the Professional Certification program, the City is well on its way to the Mayor's goal of reducing all greenhouse gases by 80 percent by 2050.

[Installing Solar Panels](#)

[Mayor de Blasio's Press Release](#)

DOB NOW: Safety Roll Out



As of **September 12**, Qualified Exterior Wall Inspectors, Professional Engineers, Registered Architects and Owners are required to use **DOB NOW: Safety** to submit their facade compliance filings to the Department. You **must** be registered in [eFiling](#) to log into **DOB NOW: Safety**.

Applications filed on or after 10.03.16 will be subject to the 2016 NYCECC.

Complete applications filed on or before 10.02.16 will be subject to the 2014 NYCECC.

NOTE: Complete applications are those that meet the submittal requirements of [Buildings Bulletin 2014-015](#) and include a complete energy analysis.

The 2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code is available to view for free at the [DOB Energy Conservation Code website](#).

2014 Construction Code Updates

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

[Combining Apartments \(New!\)](#)

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Website Updates

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Licensing Updates

[Concrete Safety Managers](#)

[Construction Superintendent Registration](#)

[Licensing Insurance Guidelines](#)

Sign up for Weather Alerts

Job Postings

Did You Know

Forgiving Fines: New York City's Amnesty Program

The New York City Department of Finance launched [Forgiving Fines: The NYC Amnesty Program](#), running from September 12th to December 12th. This program allows property owners with penalties issued by the Department of Buildings to have those fees reduced by fixing the underlying violation. Take advantage of the amnesty program, and reduce your fines, before NYC Forgiving Fines expires!

[Find a violation](#)

Disciplinary Cases

The Department of Buildings recently audited 37 professionally certified and Directive 14 applications which were found to include multiple code non-compliances. The Professional Engineers and Registered Architects who submitted the applications faced disciplinary actions from the Department, including the voluntary surrender of Professional Certification and Directive 14 privileges.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

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

September Press Releases

[City Files Criminal Charges Against Building Owner Who Had Fatal Facade Collapse 09.23.16](#)

[Mayor de Blasio Urges New Yorkers to Prepare for Effects of Hermine - High Winds, Coastal Flooding, Strong Rip Currents and Rain. 09.03.16](#)

[Statement From Assistant Commissioner Mario Merlino Alerting New Yorkers About a Vermin Control of New York Letter Scam. 09.03.16](#)

[Department of Buildings Advises Property Owners, Contractors, & Crane Operators to Take Precautionary Measures in Preparation For Tropical Storm Hermine. 09.02.16](#)

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Every Tuesday night from 4pm - 7pm the Department's borough offices are open to the public for Homeowner's Night & Small Business Owner's Night. This weekly event allows New Yorkers to ask Department representatives about building related topics that include home improvement plans, the permitting process, and resolving DOB violations.