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What's New

New NYC Construction Codes Introduced In City Council



On May 30, 2007, the City Council introduced the new NYC Construction Codes. Throughout June, hearings will be held on the proposed legislation by the Council's Committee on Housing and Buildings. To learn more, read the [proposed chapters](#), [FAQ's](#) and [benefits](#) of the proposed Codes or review the Mayor's [press release](#). You may also e-mail the Construction Codes team at ConstructionCodes@buildings.nyc.gov.

Open Applications Initiative- Pilot Program Extended

Information You Need To Know

The [Open Applications Initiative](#) (40 kb-pdf), a pilot program in which the Department considers issuing a final Certificate of Occupancy while allowing certain alteration applications to remain open, has been extended to December 31, 2008. In calendar year 2006, this program assisted in over 210 cases. View the [fact sheet](#) for (43 kb-pdf) contact information and additional details about the program.

What You Need to Know About Decks and Porches

Information You Need To Know

With summer approaching, now is the time to check your deck for signs of wear and make repairs. In addition, if you are thinking of adding a deck, porch or sunroom to your home, view our [tips](#) (28 kb-pdf) for a safe and legal installation or our [brochure](#) (438 kb-pdf) in the Building Knowledge Series.

Air Conditioner Installation Tips

Information You Need To Know

It's air conditioner season! To ensure that air conditioners are installed securely and safely, the Buildings Department recommends that you follow the manufacturer's instructions when putting in a window air conditioner. An improperly installed device may present a danger to the public

and can result in a violation for allowing an unsafe condition. View our [air conditioner installation tips](#) (47 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Senator Schumer Introduces Energy Efficiency Plan



On June 4, 2007, Mayor Bloomberg, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster and Deputy Commissioner Fatma Amer joined Senator Charles Schumer in his announcement of a coordinated effort to increase the energy efficiency of buildings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2020. View the [press release](#) and [photos](#) from the event. To learn more

about the City's commitment to a greener, greater city, visit [PlaNYC](#).

Reminders

Elevator Penalty Increase

We're Dedicated to Safety

Effective June 3, 2007, [Environmental Control Board](#) (ECB) penalties for failure to maintain an elevator were increased. View the [service announcement](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

Did You Know?

Did you know you can renew your electrical license early? You now have the option of renewing your electrical license today and changing the expiration date to your birthday of 2008. View the [service announcement](#) (28 kb-pdf) for more information on how to renew your electrical license early.

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