



COVID-19 UPDATES – August 3, 2020

**DOB NOW Inspections Technical Maintenance - Friday, August 07, 2020
from 6:00 PM until Saturday, August 08, 2020 8:00 AM:**

You may experience technical issues while we perform system maintenance on Friday, August 07, 2020 from 6:00 PM until Saturday, August 08, 2020 8:00 AM. If you encounter an issue during this time, please try again later.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Over the past week, a lot of information was sent out to members. This update captures the major topics.

Thank you to all members who filled out the September Meeting survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback! Please stay tuned, as we will be providing more information on the September Meeting and how we will be moving forward, whether it be an in person meeting or an alternative.

NYC Department of Buildings Permit and License Renewal Extension

Dear Department of Buildings Licensee/Permit Holder:

The New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) is writing to remind you of the upcoming change to License and Permit Renewal Expiration Dates.

Effective August 7th, 2020, all Licenses/Registrations and Permits issued by DOB are no longer subject to automatic extensions resulting from the COVID-19 emergency.

All Licenses/Registrations and Permits issued by the Department of Buildings with an **original expiration date on or after August 7, 2020** will expire on that original expiration date per [Mayoral Emergency Executive Order No. 134](#).

Licenses/Registrations and Permits that were subject to [Mayoral Emergency Executive Order No. 107](#), subsequent orders, and [Local Law 57 of 2020](#), which were automatically extended through August 6, 2020, will expire according to the below schedule.

Original (Pre-COVID) Expiration Dates	Final Extension Date
March 12, 2020 – March 31, 2020	September 30, 2020
April 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020	October 31, 2020
May 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020	November 30, 2020



June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020	December 31, 2020
July 1, 2020 – August 6, 2020	January 31, 2021

For additional information, review our [Service Notice](#). Information about License/Registration renewal requirements can be found at www.nyc.gov/doblicensing. Permits filed in [DOB NOW: Build](#) continue to be renewed in DOB NOW. For jobs filed in the Buildings Information System (BIS), permit renewals with no change must be submitted in [eFiling](#). Permit renewals with change (including permits that require an L2) must be dropped off at a [Borough Office](#). If you have any questions, submit an inquiry at www.nyc.gov/dobhelp.”

For general updates from DOB about other COVID-19 related actions please visit our [NYC Construction Restart Page](#).

PROPOSED BOILER CODE CHANGES – ARTICLE 303 OF THE NYC ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

There are proposed changes to Article 303 of the NYC Administrative Code. This section covers Periodic Boiler Inspections. The MPC Administrative Code Committee will be participating in a meeting on August 21, 2020 to provide final comments on this issue.

The Executive Board would like to give members the opportunity to review and comment on these proposed changes.

The document (link below) is formatted so that you can review it, add your comments, and send it back. Please send the updated document with your comments back to office@nycmpc.org.

Please limit your comments to the proposed changes only, as these are the only items on the agenda.

[Click here](#) for the proposed changes.

SAMPLE COVID-19 COMPLIANCE PLAN **NYC Department of Buildings Reopening Guidance – NYC Construction Activity**

What do you need to do on an actively permitted job to remain compliant? -- Are you responsible or are your subs?

Message from the Executive Board:

Since July 8, 2020, the DOB has been issuing Stop Work Orders and violations to anyone who is not in compliance. From what we have heard, inspectors are bending over backwards to provide contractors with the



opportunity to prove compliance. We have still been getting questions about what happens if you are not actively working on a job, who is responsible for your subs on the job.

The Committee drafted a sample package of everything you should need to be compliant. The package contains a link to the Service Notice on how to get a Stop Work Order lifted. The MPC also sent a list of questions and concerns to the DOB and has their answers available for members to reference. **This information was originally sent to members on July 8, 2020.**

[Please click here for the above mentioned information.](#) You must be logged in to the MPC website in order to access this very important members only information.

How to Apply for a DEP Water Meter Permit or Break Seal Permit via Email *(Updated 07-31-20)*

Message from the Executive Board:

On Friday, July 10th, the DEP sent us the procedure to return a meter permit. The entire process from obtaining a permit to return a completed form is now complete.

The DEP requests that you put the required amount of money in your account prior to submission of the application. This will save time in processing your application.

The next item is that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are taking 5-7 business days to process an application. One of the reasons that the timeline has started to stretch out is that a few plumbers keep emailing them to ask about their application. Please be considerate and do not contact them to follow-up on your application until 5 business days have passed.

UPDATE 7.31.20: Today we received the following email from the DEP:

Subject: returned permits

Please advise your members that they should not staple or paste the meter tag to their returned permits. (*See [page 16 of procedure for updated information](#))

Thanks,
NYC Environmental Protection | Bureau of Customer Services

[Click here to view the DEP Email Permit Application Procedure.](#)

If you have an issue with the process, please contact us at dep@nycmpc.org

Message from the DEP Committee: As of now, the DEP is not entering buildings to conduct inspections. They have stated they will give consideration to any NOVs that were returnable during the pandemic. We will provide updated information as it becomes available.



SUNY Empire State College/ CTLTC 7-hour License Renewal Course

The 7-hour Construction Trades Licensing Training Course will be conducted online for the remainder of 2020. The course will be held over 2 consecutive days, instead of the usual 7-hour 1 day course. Registration for this course is capped at 25 participants per course date, and will be on a first come, first served basis.

August 5, 2020—August 6, 2020 | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

[Click here to register and for more information.](#)

**Please be aware that the DOB requires you to take this course within one year of your license renewal date.*

Licenses/registrations and permits that were automatically extended through August 6th, 2020, will expire according to the following schedule.

Original (Pre-COVID 19) Expiration Dates / Final Extension Dates

March 12, 2020 - March 31, 2020 is now September 30, 2020

April 1, 2020 - April 30, 2020 is now October 31, 2020

May 1, 2020 - May 31, 2020 is now November 30, 2020

June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020 is now December 31, 2020

July 1, 2020 - August 6, 2020 is now January 31, 2020

Final Rule - Implementation of Amendments to Energy Conservation Code

[Click here](#) for Final Rule – Implementation of Amendments to Energy Conservation Code which will be published in the City Record on 7/24/20. The effective date is 8/23/20.

DOT Insurance

"It has come to the NYC Subsurface Plumbers Association's attention that there is a large flaw in the enforcement of Permittee's insurance requirements by the DOT. There are at least four (4) exclusions in insurance coverage that virtually nullifies coverage for a Permittee performing sewer, water or excavation work in the City of New York. We have contacted Commissioner Trottenberg regarding this issue but have yet to receive a response.

These exclusions are not addressed by the DOT in the current "Certification by insurance broker or agent" letter required by the DOT. Though we are active participants in the regularly scheduled DOT CAC meetings, the DOT has declined our request to add this important point as an agenda item.

Current DOT enforcement of insurance requirements leaves an exposure for all concerned parties and provides an unfair advantage to both unscrupulous plumbers and insurance brokers alike. We ask that you please [click here](#) to send in the letter to the Mayor's office, the DOT Commissioner and the DOT Transportation Committee."



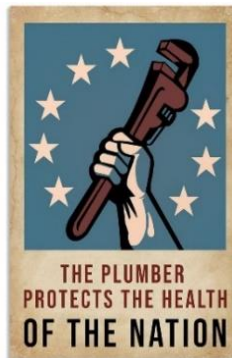
DEP ANNOUNCES ROUND 2 OF WATER CONSERVATION AND REUSE GRANT PROGRAM

Property Owners Can Receive Funding for Water Conservation and Reuse Projects

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection is rolling out Round 2 of their Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program following a successful pilot of the program over the past year. The grant program aims to conserve the City's drinking water supply, with a corresponding reduction of flows into the sewer system, by reimbursing commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential property owners who invest in water efficiency projects, including low-flow fixtures, as well as innovative water saving technologies such as on-site water reuse systems.

Applications are open until September 15, 2020 and you can learn more and apply here:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/water-conservation-reuse-grants.page>



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