



SANDY RECOVERY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Has work already started?

Yes. Permanent repairs are already underway at Astoria, Lower East Side Rehab (Group 5), Ocean Bay Apartments (Oceanside), and Coney Island 4 & 5. 23 sites are in the preliminary repairs stage to address construction tasks that can be done before the design process is completed.

Why is NYCHA focusing on the buildings' exteriors when there are so many needs for interior repairs?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided money only for buildings damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and for improvements that will make these buildings more resilient against future storms. If FEMA funding is used for other purposes, such as internal repairs unrelated to Hurricane Sandy, NYCHA would have to return the funds to FEMA.

Will the Recovery to Resiliency program address issues inside of my apartment?

Only first-floor apartments damaged by Hurricane Sandy can be restored under the Recovery to Resiliency program.

How does NYCHA plan to control pest issues at Sandy construction sites?

Pest control measures included in the plans for all Recovery to Resiliency construction projects. Measures include: bait traps, EPA-approved pesticides (if pests are identified in the construction area), garbage cans with tight fitting lids to keep rodents out, and designated lunch and coffee break areas for contractors.

How will NYCHA monitor the quality of the construction work?

Regular construction site visits and meetings will enable the oversight team to monitor construction quality throughout the duration of each project. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will also conduct site visits to ensure quality control.

Are our buildings/roofs strong enough to withstand the weight of the standby generators or other equipment?

Any building slated for a rooftop generator and/or equipment has been inspected and structurally capable of withstanding their weight.

Will NYCHA lease out any new community or commercial spaces in these buildings?

NYCHA's Real Estate Services will consider how to best utilize potential commercial and community spaces once construction is completed.

Has NYCHA hired residents to work on the Recovery to Resiliency program?

240 low-income New Yorkers have been employed through Section 3 on Sandy-related contracts at NYCHA developments to-date, and more than half are NYCHA residents. NYCHA also plans to provide pre-apprenticeship training that will offer direct entry into skilled trade unions working on Sandy-related construction projects at NYCHA developments.