

UPCOMING CHANGE

2014 NYC Construction Codes: Mechanical Equipment Permits in Demolitions

Effective December 31, 2014, mechanical equipment permits requirements will change for demolition work.

New Mechanical Equipment Permit Requirements

Under the 2014 Construction Codes, a mechanical equipment permit is required when mechanical equipment – other than handheld devices – is used to:

1. Fully or partially demolish an above-grade structure;
2. Remove a foundation while the mechanical equipment is supported on an existing structure, except for a slab on grade (slab supported by soil); or
3. Move material or debris within a structure.

Conditions Where Mechanical Equipment Permits Are No Longer Required

Under the 2014 Construction Codes, a mechanical equipment permit will no longer be required when mechanical equipment is used to:

1. Move material or debris outside of the structure; or
2. Remove a foundation, provided:
 - A. The building has been demolished to grade; and
 - B. The mechanical equipment is not supported on any existing structure other than a slab on grade (slab supported by soil).

Note: Requirements to protect excavations and adjoining properties still apply (such as for sheeting, shoring, underpinning, backfilling, etc.).

Mechanical Equipment Permits

The mechanical equipment permit can either be:

1. A standalone permit for the equipment; or
2. An alteration or demolition permit, provided checkbox “6B” for “EQ – Construction Equipment” was selected in the PW-1, and the type of equipment listed in box “15” of the PW-1.