

Helping with home repairs after Hurricane Ida is good.

Overcharging for services is not.



In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, New Yorkers need the help of home improvement contractors, plumbers, and electricians more than ever.

The City reminds you that:

Price gouging is illegal.

On September 1, 2021, Mayor Bill de Blasio declared a state of emergency during which:

- The City is waiving fees for permits to demolish, construct, or make repairs related to storm damage.
- Businesses cannot excessively increase the price of any goods or services that are essential to health or safety, or are promoted this way. This includes home repair, plumbing, electrical services.

The NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) will investigate reports of price gouging related to Hurricane Ida home repairs. **Predatory businesses will face violations and fines.** For more information, visit nyc.gov/BusinessToolbox

You must have a license to do home repairs.

Home improvement contractors must have a license from DCWP. Details are at nyc.gov/dcwp

Plumbers and electricians must have a license from the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB), and permits are required for all electrical work and most plumbing work. Details are at nyc.gov/buildings