

Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York Chapter 31 Rule Governing House/Site Connections to the Sewer System

§31-07 Inspections.

(a) General Requirements.

- (1) All sewer connections, including new connections, relays/repairs, plugs, catch basin and catch basin connections, and seepage basins shall be inspected and approved by an Inspector.
- (2) A permittee shall be granted an inspection one business day following the request for such inspection.
- (3) Prior to commencing excavation for sewer connections, the permittee shall verify that the sewer or drain is not surcharged, obstructed, or damaged. If the sewer is surcharged, obstructed, or damaged, the permittee shall not perform any work and shall immediately notify the DEP.
- (4) No sewer connection or related work shall be inspected or approved by an Inspector unless the trench is open for any length of previously un-inspected work and all pipes, joints, and related work are visible. A suitable ladder affording safe access for such inspection shall be provided by the permittee. Trenches must conform to all applicable Rules, Regulations and laws regarding safety.
- (5) An Inspector is required to be present during any drill-in to a sewer or drain.
- (6) Any trench backfilled without completed inspection shall be re-excavated to the degree necessary as determined by the Inspector.
- (7) Inspections will be conducted Monday through Friday (except on holidays) between the hours of seven (7) A.M. and four (4) P.M. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted upon traffic and work stipulations set forth by the DOT or other entity having jurisdiction or for other unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the DEP.
- (8) No inspection shall be performed unless all permits and appropriate documentation required by the DEP are displayed at the work site. Such documentation shall include:
 - (i) the certified house connection proposal or certified site connection proposal, with all pertinent supporting documents where required;
 - (ii) the approved permit application and sewer connection permit;
 - (iii) the street opening permit from the DOT or other entity having jurisdiction, and when a Builder's Pavement Plan has been required, an approved copy thereof;
 - (iv) all approved shop drawings;
 - (v) all Mayor's Traffic Construction Coordination Committee traffic stipulations, where weekend and/or night work is scheduled; and

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(vi) all applicable notarized affidavits regarding the reuse of existing connections.

(b) Certificate of Inspection.

(1) A certificate of inspection shall be issued for each permit granted by the DEP upon:

- (i) successful completion of an inspection; and
- (ii) compliance with all applicable requirements in sections 31-04, 31-05, and 31-07 of this Rule.

(2) For sewer certifications with multiple permits, a certificate of inspection shall be issued for each unit.

(3) No certificate of inspection shall be issued unless all sewer work shown on the certified house connection proposal or site connection proposal has been completed and inspected.