



Due to severe flooding from Hurricane Sandy, many homes and businesses have suffered water damage to electrical panels, wires, outlets, and appliances, making it unsafe to restore electricity.

The NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) is inspecting buildings damaged by Hurricane Sandy and placing green, yellow or red placards on these buildings to let residents know about the condition of their building. Below are the meanings of the different placards:

- **Green:** No restriction. No apparent structural hazards were observed; you are not restricted from entering and re-occupying your home.
- **Yellow:** Restricted use. Property is damaged; entry limitations are specified on each posting.
- **Red: Buildings tagged with a red placard are not safe to enter.** Property is seriously damaged and is unsafe to enter or occupy.

In cases where no apparent structural hazards were observed to the buildings on a block, one green placard may have been posted in a prominent location on that block. If your home is on such a block and **does not** have a placard, this means your home has not been inspected or the inspections resulted in no apparent structural hazard to the buildings on that block. **For further questions, please call 311.**

In addition, beginning Tuesday, November 13, homeowners will be able sign up for **NYC Rapid Repairs**, a new program to send teams of contractors and City inspectors into neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Sandy to quickly and efficiently make necessary repairs to damaged homes. This can be done by going to NYC.gov or by calling 311. You will need a FEMA ID number, which you can get by registering at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362.

#### Restoring Power to Homes with Green or Yellow DOB Placards

If any electrical wiring, receptacles, or equipment was submerged in water during the storm, you **must hire a NYC-licensed electrician** to inspect the equipment prior to returning it to service.

*Note: In most cases, any electrical wiring that came into contact with salt water must be removed and replaced. Dried salt can be a conductor of electricity and cause an electrical fault or a fire. A licensed electrician may be able to disconnect affected wiring branches to allow equipment in the unaffected areas to return to service.*

To expedite the normal submission process, a licensed electrical contractor should file a completed, signed and sealed **Self-Certification Form** directly with LIPA. Below are the key steps licensed electrical contractors should take:

- Have your electrical equipment inspected and, if necessary, cleaned and repaired by a licensed electrical contractor. *The Self-Certification Form comes from contractor. They will have the form to submit to LIPA.*
- Have your licensed electrical contractor submit the Self-Certification Form to LIPA by faxing it to 631-844-3643, emailing to [servicecert@service.lipower.org](mailto:servicecert@service.lipower.org) or delivering it to our temporary service center at Beach 108<sup>th</sup> Street and Beach Channel Drive in Rockaway Park.
- Once certification is submitted, LIPA will issue a service turn-on for your location; electric service will be restored when the LIPA system is able to do so. *LIPA does the service turn-on internally. No action needs to be taken by customers.*

**For further questions, please call LIPA at 1-800-490-0075.  
For NYC, please call 311.**