



New Requirements for Buildings with Drinking Water Tanks

As of September 7, 2019, the New York city Council approved new requirements relating to drinking water tanks:

The changes:

- **Set new requirements for inspectors conducting drinking water tank inspections and individuals performing water tank cleaning, painting, and coating**
- **Require water tank inspectors to submit annual inspection reports directly to the New York City Health and Mental Hygiene (the Health Department).**
- **Require both the owner and water tank inspector to maintain inspection results for five years from the date of inspection.**
- **Require the Health Department to inspect water tanks, conduct reviews of owners' self-inspection records and post inspection results online.**

Annual inspections must still be submitted to the Health Department by January 15 of the next calendar year online through the Water Tank Inspection Reporting site or by mail. **For 2019, the annual inspection is due January 15, 2020.**

If an annual inspection report for 2019 was submitted to the Health Department before the new regulations, a new inspection report submission is not required until 2020.

To learn more, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/health/watertanks>.