

Superstorm Sandy Notice

Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) **Policy for Waiving Fees and Expediting Plan Review for Superstorm Sandy Rebuilding Applications**

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Commissioner of Health Services Dr. James Tomarken have established this policy to provide relief to homeowners and businesses for the disaster recovery and rebuilding process for physical damage caused by Superstorm Sandy. This fee waiver and plan review expediting policy is in effect until further notice.

- Rebuilding applications will be processed on an expedited basis for the following permits:
 - The Office of Wastewater Management, for sanitary systems and water supplies for individual homes and commercial applications; and
 - The Office of Pollution Control, for the storage of toxic or hazardous materials.
- For all Sandy reconstruction applications, the goal for plan review will be to expedite processing within 3 to 5 business days, with all necessary and appropriate technical support and supervision provided by senior staff.
- Fees for applications due to physical damage from Hurricane Sandy will be waived as follows:
 - Wastewater Management application fees (Sanitary Code plan review) will be waived for all reconstruction applications for physical damage caused by Sandy. Fees waived include:
 - “Residential Construction – Single Family” (fees normally range from \$115 to \$650 depending on water supply and sewage disposal infrastructure and needs).
 - “Commercial – Other than Single Family” (fees normally range from \$1,250 to \$5,000 depending on design flow).
 - Pollution Control plan review fees (which includes initial registration) will be waived for systems which are substantially in-kind replacements due to damage from Sandy. Operating fees will not be affected. Fees waived include:
 - All Article 12 fees for plan review for “new” (replacement) and “upgrading” (repair) storage facilities (fees normally range from \$210 to 770 per tank depending on size of tank) and initial registration fees (\$150/tank).
 - Necessary incidental fees (e.g., \$900 Board of Review fee) also will be waived if the proposal is substantially an in-kind replacement as a result of damage from Sandy.
- **No special additional application forms are required. As with prior emergencies, applicants should submit a cover letter accompanying their application, explaining that the application is for Hurricane Sandy rebuilding.**
- Staff will be available to meet with the public in person or via telephone.
 - Please call 852-5700 to schedule an appointment with a representative of Wastewater Management.
 - Please call 854-2501 to schedule an appointment with a representative of Pollution Control.
- SCDHS also offers the following support to towns and villages:
 - Staff will be available to coordinate plan review activities and inspections as needed.
 - Staff will be available to attend public information sessions, if requested, to answer Health Department-related questions.