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Getting Scaffolding Down: The Facts

Scaffolding is a permanent feature of the New York City streetscape. Everyone in this city can recognize the muted green paint of sheds that cover nearly 400 miles of city streets, darkening the sidewalks and providing cover for crime.

It's time to change that.



GETTING SHEDS DOWN FASTER

Permits issued for 1 year

No work required for permit renewal

No penalties

Permits issued for 90 days

Renewal applications must show ongoing work

Penalties issued when sheds are up too long

MAKING SHEDS LOOK MORE ATTRACTIVE

Minimum of 8 feet

Minimal lighting requirements

Ugly green color

Minimum of 12 feet

Bright Lighting

More colors available, including a color matching the facade of the building

FEWER SHEDS GOING UP

Inspections are required every 5 years for all buildings

New buildings have 8 years until their first inspection

Other types of buildings are inspected every 6-12 years