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## City offers free inspections of decks and porches

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Staten Islanders can request free inspections of their decks and porches through Aug. 1 with violations deferred if there are no immediate risks to public safety.

Through Aug. 1, residents of the five boroughs can call 311 to request the free inspection to make sure they are in compliance with all city regulations under the No-Penalty Deck and Porch Inspection Program.

Inspectors from the city Buildings Department will check for structural conditions, such as cracking, rotting, failed connections and other signs that can lead to a potential collapse.

The agency will only take action to address structural concerns if there is an immediate risk to public safety.

Otherwise, property owners will be allowed sufficient time to make needed repairs before violations are issued.

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