



Winners of the 2024-25 Eugene and Raymond Cardoza Memorial Scholarship



(Top Row L to R: Plumbers Local 1 Business Agent Carl Johnson, ACP Vice-President Peter Bisso, Marie Cardoza; daughter of Eugene Cardoza and Sister of Raymond Cardoza, Max Levine. Bottom Row L to R: Adian Boyle, Joseph Sanfilippo, & David Feng)

The winners of the Eugene & Raymond Cardoza Memorial Scholarship Program have been determined by a panel of Fordham professors. Further information on the scholarship program can be found on the Association of Contracting Plumbers' website (acpcny.org). Five recipients will receive \$5,000 a year towards a collegiate education. The 2025-2026 application is available in mid-October. As a reminder, all scholarship applications are reviewed by an independent panel of educators and selections are based upon academic achievement, community service, and extracurricular activities of persons graduating high school or are currently enrolled in college.

The Trustees of the Promotion Fund and the ACP Executive Board are happy to announce the following winners:

David Feng
Max Levine
Joseph Sanfilippo Jr.
Adian Boyle
Veronica Milko

Congratulations to all the winners. We wish you luck with your future endeavors!

Letter to US Attorney General Bondi on Preemption of Gas Ban

Please be advised that on June 26th, the Plumbing Foundation co-signed a letter to US Attorney General Pam Bondi requesting Federal action on the NYS & NYC gas bans. The letter asks for the US Department of Justice "...to take immediate action under President Donald Trump's recent Executive Order on Protecting American Energy from State Overreach. Specially, we ask that your office investigate and pursue legal action to delay, postpone or preempt.." laws banning fossil fuel appliances, gas piping, and gas infrastructure. As we have



already seen under the all-electric building requirement since January 1, 2024, due to Local Law 154/2021, the plumbing industry has been severely disrupted. Local Law 154 was ill-conceived and fast-tracked at the very end of the deBlasio mayoral administration. The plumbing industry has always been environmentally conscience and the frontlines for energy usage in NYC buildings. As we have been stating for years, all efficient and green methods to fuel NYC buildings and energy to cooking appliances should be available, not just electricity.

Does Your Company have a 401(k) Plan?

In 2023, the Department of Labor:

- **Audited 731 Retirement Plans**
- **69% were fined**
- **Total fines collected \$1.4 billion**

The average fine was **\$ 2.8 million** per plan.

Are you exposed?

Source: Employee Benefit Security Administration

Find out how to protect yourself by having a full review of your plan and learning how our **specialty discounted** Plumbing Foundation - City of New York 401(k) Program might be a cost effective way to protect yourself.



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GOQ Notice - NGA/GTI No Longer Offering LL152 Training

The Northeast Gas Association (NGA)/ GTI, in coordination with The Plumbing Foundation, National Grid, Con Ed, Plumbers Local 1 and MPC (GOQ Collaborative) developed an Interior Gas Piping Safety Training Program for licensed master plumbers and their technicians to become operator qualified in Covered Tasks 86/87 (inspections/maintenance & repairs of jurisdictional gas piping) to comply with NYS regulations. In parallel to the New York regulatory changes, NYC Local Law 152 was implemented, which also requires plumbing technicians, working under an LMP, to be trained to perform gas piping safety inspections on behalf of building owners.

This now 10-hour training program was shared with the NYC DOB in the early stages of rule development for LL152, and the core content was subsequently adopted by DOB as the Course Content for Course Providers. GTI, one of the nation's leading gas training providers and research organizations, partnered with NGA, one of the nation's leading Operator Qualification Program Providers, together became a NYC DOB Course Provider providing both LL152 Training and Operator Qualification Training under the Plumbing Foundation's umbrella through the Master Plumbers Council and UA Local 1 JATC.

Unfortunately, while the GOQ Collaborative has successfully trained and Gas Operator Qualified over 2,000 plumbers (LMPs and technicians) in NYC, the NYC DOB recent rule change for third-party course providers precludes GTI & NGA from offering LL152 training under the Course Provider Program. The NGA/GTI partnership under the Plumbing

Foundation umbrella will not meet the administrative requirements of the new Course Provider Rules for LL152 inspections as previously stated, effective June 19, 2025. However, NGA and GTI will continue offering Gas Operator Qualification Training required to work on jurisdictional piping which is mandated by both Con Edison and National Grid but NOT for NYC LL152.

As an additional reminder, the GOQ Program remains in place and participation is required to perform jurisdictional piping work and to meet Con Ed and National Grid requirements, which are driven by Federal and State Laws.

Finally, to further support our members and the expansion of the Gas Operator safety efforts, the Plumbing Foundation has invested in a new Prometric Compliance Testing Center in Richmond Hill, Queens (11-20 Jamaica Ave). This test center will offer our members additional flexibility in scheduling exams for those seeking and maintaining Operator Qualification status. Information on the new testing availability for the written exam will be shared with all members going forward, instead of at the 35-55 Junction Blvd Prometric testing site. FYI-Practical exams are currently being held on the MPC and UA Plumbers Local 1 JATC facilities, but with efforts underway to have all practical exams at one the Richmond Hill testing site. All persons seeking task 86/87 qualification will be testing exclusively for both the written and practical exams at the Richmond Hill site in the Fall of 2025.



Stay Ahead of the Curve.

Carbon Reduction

NYC Local Law 97 Mandate

- NYC LOCAL LAW 97 ENACTED IN 2019
- EMISSIONS LIMITS BEGIN BY 2024
- 40% REDUCTION BY 2030
- 80% REDUCTION BY 2050

Water Conservation

Stormwater Reuse / Sustainable Practice

- DEP MANDATED CONTROLLED RELEASE RATE OF STORMWATER INTO THE CITY MAINS
- SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES FOCUSING ON WATER CONSERVATION

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Eliminating the 100-Foot Rule

On June 23rd, the Foundation sent a memo to Governor Hochul, requesting a veto on a recently passed piece of legislation. The bill on her desk is S8417/A8888, which will have a profound impact on the plumbing industry, not only in NYC but the entire state by eliminating the 100-foot rule. Portions of the memo are listed below:

"... [P]assage [of S8417/A8888] poses significant and detrimental consequences for consumers, businesses, and the broader energy infrastructure across our state.

The 100-foot rule has long served as a vital protection, ensuring that the costs associated with extending new gas service lines are equitably managed and that ratepayer subsidies are applied judiciously.

New York residents already contend with some of the highest energy costs in the nation, with average residential electricity rates significantly exceeding the national average (e.g., 25.43 cents per kWh in March 2025 compared to the national average of 17.1 cents per kWh). Many homeowners struggle to afford their utility bills, and statewide utility debt has reached alarming levels, surging to \$1.8 billion by December 2024. Roughly one in four New Yorkers pay more than 6% of their annual income on electricity and natural gas.



Without the 100-foot rule, utility companies would be incentivized to extend gas lines to properties significantly further from existing infrastructure, with the costs for these lengthy extensions being socialized across the entire rate base. This will dramatically increase energy bills for every New Yorker, including those struggling with affordability and those who have already transitioned to alternative energy sources, further compounding existing financial pressures.

Furthermore, as New York strives towards a cleaner energy future, it is imperative that state resources and subsidies are strategically allocated. Eliminating the 100-foot rule could inadvertently encourage the expansion of natural gas infrastructure into areas where renewable or more efficient heating solutions might be more appropriate, thereby conflicting with the state's ambitious decarbonization targets.

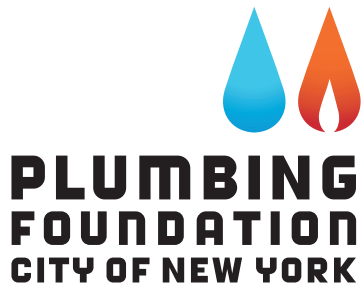
The current rule subtly encourages more efficient urban planning and development closer to existing infrastructure, which is a sound economic and environmental practice. Its removal could lead to sprawling development patterns that are less energy-efficient and more costly to serve, thus disincentivizing efficiency and modernization efforts....The Plumbing Foundation believes in a balanced approach that supports energy evolution while safeguarding consumer interests and fiscal responsibility. The elimination of the 100-foot rule in S.8417/A.8888 is a step backward, placing an unnecessary burden on New York families and businesses and potentially hindering our collective long-term energy goals.

We urge you to consider these critical implications and exercise your power to veto S.8417/A.8888. We stand ready to collaborate with your administration and the legislature to develop sensible policies that promote a reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy future for all New Yorkers."

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Association of Contracting Plumbers Raises \$117,000 for Food1st



(L to R: Thomas Manuizsko; ACP golf chairman, Jelena Kero; Food1st, & Robert Greenberg; ACP President)

The Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York, Inc. (ACP) held its annual “Plumbing Industry Day” Charity Golf Outing on May 19, 2025.

The ACP is pleased to report that \$117,000 was donated to Food1st. SL Green established Food1st with the objective of alleviating the ongoing food shortage in New York City that has been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. SL Green sought the support from its tenants, neighbors, and friends in providing support for this much-needed initiative. Food1st’s objective to help feed emergency service workers and our neighbors who have limited access to food by partnering with restaurants throughout New York City in a way that will also revitalize the City’s food and beverage industry.

The funds raised will help strive support Food1st. Food1st has provided over 1 million meals over the past 5 years. Thank you to everyone who made the day a success, and keep feeding New Yorkers in need!

THE PLUMBING FOUNDATION’S ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Since its establishment in 1986, the Plumbing Foundation has worked diligently to ensure the plumbing industry has as little a “carbon footprint” on New York City as possible. The plumbing industry has historically utilized environmentally friendly materials such as recycled cast-iron and copper piping/fittings. The Foundation will continue in its role of protecting New York City as well as being an advocate for the environment by strengthening its water/sanitary regulations and thereby reducing wasteful water consumption in the City.

Maintenance Checklist for a Water-Efficient Home



Do This Once Per Year to Save Water:

- ☐ Check your home for leaks (indoors and outdoors) and repair them promptly. Find instructions on WaterSense's website at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.
- ☐ Make sure your toilets aren't continuously running. Check for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait 10 minutes; if color appears in the bowl, you have a leak. Flush afterwards to avoid staining.
- ☐ Inspect showerheads and faucets for scale buildup and clean if necessary. Add new plumbing tape to ensure a tight fit.
- ☐ Add mulch as needed over landscaped areas in your yard.
- ☐ Check your irrigation system for breaks and leaks, signs of overwatering or underwatering, and areas of overspray, and repair or adjust as necessary. See WaterSense's Sprinkler Spruce-Up web page at www.epa.gov/watersense/sprinkler-spruce-up and Watering Tips web page at www.epa.gov/watersense/watering-tips.
- ☐ Test your pool's automatic refill system and fill valve.
- ☐ Winterize your irrigation system and pool to prepare for cold weather.
- ☐ Check your service water pressure and adjust or replace your pressure-regulating valve if necessary.
- ☐ Have a professional service your home's water heater and water softener (if one is installed). If you like to do it yourself, make sure to flush your water heater to reduce sediment buildup; check the water heater's temperature and pressure valve; and clean your water softener's brine tank.

Check These Areas More Frequently for Water Waste:

Daily

- ☐ Turn off faucets and hose bibbs unless you are actively using water.
- ☐ Run only full loads of laundry and dishes and skip extra rinse cycles.
- ☐ During swim season, cover your pool when it's not in use.

Monthly

- ☐ Compare your water bill to the same month of the previous year to identify leaks.
- ☐ Weed your landscaped areas so more water is available for plants.
- ☐ Allow your grass to grow two to three inches tall before mowing.
- ☐ If you don't have a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller, revise your irrigation system's schedule according to seasonal weather changes.
- ☐ Check the salt level of your water softener and break up salt bridges.

Do This Every Few Years to Save Water:

- ☐ Hire an irrigation professional certified by a WaterSense labeled program using WaterSense's Find a Pro tool at www.epa.gov/watersense/find-pro to assess your irrigation system and provide recommendations to improve its water efficiency.
- ☐ Replace old toilet flappers to ensure a good seal and avoid toilet leaks.

Learn more at www.epa.gov/watersense/home-maintenance.

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