

Over 5,000 Staten Island buildings are violating this NYC inspection law, data shows

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Seen here is an aerial view of Staten Island. As of Feb. 25, 2026, 5,298 of the borough's buildings are in breach of FTF-PL-PER: Failure to File a Periodic Plumbing Inspection report, according to city data. (Advance/SILive | Paul Liotta)

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Over 5,000 Staten Island buildings are violating an important local law, which could result in fines.

As of Feb. 25, 2026, 5,298 Staten Island buildings are in breach of FTF-PL-PER: Failure to File a Periodic Plumbing Inspection report, according to city data.

Before you start panicking about your house — be it one-family or two-family; a convent, group home, or a monastery with 20 people or less — take a deep breath: This violation impacts businesses, office buildings, and things of that nature.

“This is a violation issued for failure to comply with Local Law 152 of 2016 - which requires covered building owners to hire a Licensed Master Plumber, and have the gas piping systems in the building once every four years. The inspection reports are due to DOB. Failure to submit a report will lead to a ‘FTF-PL-PER’ violation,” NYC Buildings Department Spokesman Andrew Rudansky told the Advance/SILive.com.

Now, if you're in a three-family residential building, that's another story.

That's why the Advance/SILive.com analyzed DOB data made available on NYC Open Data, looking at the violations issued since the beginning of 2026.

FTF-PL-PER violations were the most prevalent out of the three kinds that were distributed. The other two violation types only garnered three breaches, compared to the 5,298 accumulated by FTF-PL-PER violations.

Broken down by zip code, these are the number of FTF-PL-PER violations on Staten Island since the beginning of 2026, according to city data:

The fines, according to the DOB, are as follows for those with active violations: "a civil penalty of \$1,500 for 3-family residential buildings and \$5,000 for all other buildings."