



Hartley Hall

Full-Building Renovation and Infrastructure Upgrade

Columbia University is performing a full-building renovation and infrastructure upgrade at Hartley residence hall. The scope of work includes the upgrade of student rooms, bathrooms, offices, the main lounge, floor lounges, public corridors, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing modernization as well as new fire alarm system and fire alarm protection upgrades. Originally built in 1905, this will be the first major upgrade to Hartley Hall since the 1980s, and will bring the building up to current building code and best practice standards.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of March 16, 2026 and March 23, 2026

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming weeks:

What is Happening

- Asbestos abatement of the interior of the building. All asbestos abatement will be performed by fully licensed professionals in strict compliance with federal, state, and city regulations. The work area will be fully sealed and secured, and only trained personnel in protective equipment will be allowed in the containment areas inside. Air quality will be monitored by an independent third-party to ensure all asbestos is safely removed. Once the work is complete, the area will be fully certified to be safe for occupancy.

What to Expect

- Regular work will take place during New York City standard construction hours, Monday through Friday, with after-hours and Saturday work in accordance with all required permits.
- Demolition debris will be carted to a packer truck. A flag person will be available to direct pedestrian traffic on the west side of Amsterdam Ave.
- Parking will not be available on the west side of Amsterdam Avenue adjacent to Hartley Hall. This space will be used as a designated loading area for delivery trucks for the duration of the project.
- Noise from carting trucks to remove waste and debris, often arriving outside of regular work hours. Carting trucks are particularly prevalent during the demolition phase.
- Construction workers will access Hartley Hall via Amsterdam Ave.
- Expect noise, truck deliveries, and other impacts typically associated with construction projects.

-Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather and other field conditions-

For More Information

You can find the latest construction information on our website at cufo.columbia.edu/hartleyrenovation. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or e-mail projx@columbia.edu (emails responded to during normal business hours). We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience while we perform this work.