



ELECTRICAL PERMITS

This handout contains basic information regarding residential electrical permits. However, it is not all inclusive. Please refer to an authoritative publication based on the National Electrical Code or contact the Building Inspections Division at 952-939-8394 with specific questions regarding your project.

Who can perform electrical work in a home?

Generally, the State of Minnesota requires that all electrical work must be performed by licensed, bonded, and insured electrical contractors, and their employees. In specific cases, and within strict limitations, electrical work may be performed by a homeowner. A homeowner is considered a person who owns and resides in the home where work will be conducted and homesteads the property. An owner may not do electrical work in a mobile home, recreational vehicle or portion of a building that is rented, leased, or occupied by others.

When is an electrical permit required?

An electrical permit, and follow-up electrical inspections, are required for any electrical work associated with new construction, remodeling, replacement, or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment. "Electrical work" means the installation, altering, repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, or other purposes. **An electrical permit application and permit fees must be submitted to, and approved by, the city before any electrical work may begin.**

Who can apply for an electrical permit?

A licensed, bonded, and insured electrical contractors, and their employees, may apply for an electrical permit. In specific cases where electrical work may be performed by a homeowner, the homeowner may apply for the electrical permit. In signing and submitting a permit application, a homeowner is acknowledging that: (1) they own and occupy the home where work will be conducted; and (2) they personally and physically will perform all of the electrical work, including the laying out of that work.

When is electrical work inspected?

Electrical work may require a variety of inspections:

- A "Rough-In" inspection must be conducted before insulation, sheet-rock, paneling, or other material covers any wiring. Except for final connection to switches, receptacles, and lighting fixtures, all ground wires and other wires in boxes must be spliced and pigtailed prior to the "rough-in" inspection. Underground wiring must be inspected before a trench is backfilled. If wiring is concealed in any manner prior to the "rough-in" inspection, the person responsible for concealing the wiring is also responsible for any cost associated with uncovering the wiring and for any cost associated with replacing the covering materials.
- A "final" inspection is required when "electrical work" is completed and prior to the "electrical work" being utilized and/or the space containing the new wiring is occupied.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ELECTRICAL PERMIT APPLICANT TO SCHEDULE ALL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS WITH THE BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION.

***THE BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION CAN BE REACHED AT (952) 939-8394
BETWEEN 7:30 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY***

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PERMIT NUMBER READY WHEN CALLING.