

Inspections

There are two electrical inspections required:

- Rough (prior to concealing) inspection within 180 days of the permit issue date.
- Final inspection within 365 days of the permit issue date.

Booking an inspection

Do not wait until your permit is about to expire to book your inspection. Contact 311 prior to 2 p.m. the day before you wish to have a safety codes officer inspect your installation.

Where to apply

In person:

The City of Calgary Planning Services Centre

Third Floor, Calgary Municipal Building
800 Macleod Tr. S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

By phone: 403-268-5311

Online: calgary.ca/pd

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What you need to know about Homeowner's electrical permits



Introduction

The Canadian Electrical Code and applicable provincial legislation takes precedence to any information in this brochure.

For more specific information, the homeowner electrical wiring guide is available at calgary.ca/electricalpermits.

If you need assistance after reading this brochure, contact 311 to be transferred to a safety codes officer.

When is an electrical permit required?

- Installing, extending or altering any electrical branch circuit wiring
- All new wiring installations within Calgary
- Extra-low voltage lighting

Do not start any undertaking that requires a permit, unless a permit has been issued.

When is an electrical permit not required?

- Communication systems (telephone, data and wired music).
- Replacing electrical equipment with a similar unit types if the replacement is made for maintaining the system and does not modify the ratings or characteristics of the electrical installation (replacing switches, receptacles, light fixtures, breakers).
- Extra low voltage, class 2 electrical circuits, unless they are for any of the following:
 - Safety control
 - Locations described as hazardous by the Electrical Code
 - Electro-medical purposes
 - Lighting

Permit eligibility

The only person permitted to apply for a Homeowner's Electrical Permit is the registered legal owner of a single family home. This person must live in the home and the electrical system can only service that home, including secondary suites.

A homeowner cannot alter, install or add to:

- Electrical consumer service (main service breaker/fuse compartment to utility connection).
- Permanent swimming pools.
- Solar photovoltaic systems.

When is an electrical permit cancelled?

- It is determined by a safety codes officer that the owner has not demonstrated basic knowledge for the installation.
- Any part of the installation is concealed prior to inspection.
- The permit holder has hired someone to do the work.

Can the permit be transferred to an individual other than the original applicant?

No, the electrical permit is not transferable.

Who is responsible?

You as the homeowner are responsible for all work being done under the permit, regardless of who actually installs the wiring. A contractor doing electrical work must be licensed and must obtain their own permit.