

Got Permits?

PROTECT YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENTS



Residential Electrical Permits

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CLARK COUNTY

Permit Application Center
4701 W. Russell Road
Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon. - Fri, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(702) 455-8010

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Regional Government Center
101 Civic Way
Laughlin, NV 89029
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Clark County Community Center
320 N. Moapa Valley Blvd.
Overton, NV 89040
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(702) 397-8087



Thinking about replacing your water heater or converting part of your garage into an office? Before you open your tool box, ask yourself one simple question: "Got Permits?" Clark County's Department of Development Services can help. Even small home improvement projects may require a building permit. Faulty installations can cause fires, flood damage and other hazards, and also force you to make costly repairs when you sell your home. Permits - and the inspections that come with them - protect your family's safety and the value of your property by ensuring the work meets adopted building codes.

What is an electrical permit?

Electrical permits refer to construction work performed on a home's electrical system. In addition to an electrical permit, separate permits may be required for building, plumbing and mechanical work related to your project.

What types of home improvement projects

DO require an electrical permit?

- Installation or Alteration of Any Permanent Wiring or Electrical Device
- Additional Wiring to Install Indoor or Outdoor Outlets, Light Fixtures or Fans
- Installation of Receptacles for Garage Door Openers or Conversion From Fuse Box to Circuit Breakers
- Electricity for a Spa

What types of home improvement projects

DON'T require electrical permits?

- Replacing Existing Light Fixtures or Fans
- Repairing or Replacing Switches, Contactors or Control Devices
- Replacing Existing Electrical Installations With Installations of Same Type and Rating in Same Location
- Using Portable Motors or Appliances in Approved Outlets (Some portable heating or heating-cooling units may require an electrical permit if they provide minimum heating.)
- Temporary Decorative Lighting (such as holiday lighting)
- Installation of Low-Voltage (50 volts or less) Security Systems, Audio Speakers and Similar Home Systems



A CENTURY OF SERVICE

If I plan to do electrical work myself on my home, do I still need an electrical permit?

Yes. To obtain an electrical permit as an owner/builder, you must own and occupy the home where you plan to do the electrical work. Work on a home that's being leased or rented must be done by a licensed contractor.

Do I need to visit any other agencies prior to applying for an electrical permit?

If your project involves changing the footprint or adding square footage to a structure, you will need to find out from the Current Planning Division of Clark County's Comprehensive Planning Department if your proposed plans meet Clark County zoning and development standards. Call the Current Planning Division at (702) 455-4314 or visit the department's Web site for more information. Depending on the scope of your project, other department or agency approvals may be required. See our "Single Family Residence & Guest House" permit guide for more information.



Where can I get an electrical permit?

To obtain a permit for electrical work in unincorporated Clark County, you need to appear in person at Development Services' Permit Application Center in Las Vegas or our offices in Laughlin or Overton.

What information do I need to bring with me to obtain an electrical permit?

For small electrical projects, you will need to submit a completed electrical permit application and two copies of electrical floor plans. Examples of small projects include the installation of new indoor or outdoor receptacles, light fixtures or fans. More complex projects, such as room additions or installations of larger appliances like air conditioners, also require electrical service calculations.

If your project involves the addition of square footage, you will need to submit an electrical permit application as a sub-permit of a building permit application. See our "Single Family Residence & Guest House" permit guide for more information.

How long does it take to get an electrical permit?

Electrical permit applications for most small residential projects can be processed and reviewed over the counter while you wait. Plan reviews for complex projects like new homes or additions generally take three days to one week.

How much does it cost to get an electrical permit?

You will be charged a permit issuance fee plus additional fees for each outlet, receptacle, switch and similar items you plan to install. Fees for small projects are minimal. Inspection services are included in the cost of the permit. A fee calculator and permit fee guide are available on our Web site to help you determine your fees. You may also call any of our offices for help calculating fees.

When can work start?

Work can begin after your permit is issued and you receive your approved plans for the project.

How do I get an inspection?

You will receive an inspection card at the time of permit issuance that details the inspections your project requires. Inspections in unincorporated Clark County can be scheduled through our Russell Road office 24/7 by phone at (702) 455-3000 or on our Web site. Call our offices in Laughlin or Overton to schedule inspections in those areas.

