When Do I Need a Permit for Electrical Work?

**Homeowner – Single Family Dwelling**

An electrical permit is required for all electrical work.

As the registered property owner of a single family house you may undertake to do work on your dwelling if:

“the owner

(i) occupies or intends to occupy the dwelling,
(ii) has, before obtaining a permit, signed a statement that affirms that the owner of the dwelling has read the “Electrical Safety Homeowner Information Guide”, and
(iii) will personally do the electrical work without assistance, or with assistance from a qualified person who is not under contract to the owner and who does not receive renumeration”.

If you are constructing a new dwelling, completing additions or renovations, a Building Permit will be required prior to Electrical Permit issuance.

**How Do I Get an Electrical Permit?**

Permits are issued at the Building and Environment counter in the District Hall at 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver.

A permit can be obtained any time between Monday and Friday, 8:00-4:30 p.m. except Statutory holidays.

For more information on electrical code requirements, please call an electrical inspector at (604)990-2480.

**What Else Do I Need to Know?**

You will be required to read the *Electrical Safety Homeowner Information Guide* booklet. The book will be made available at time of application, or it can be picked up prior to application, or through the DNV web link.
You must be qualified to do the work. Qualified person means “one familiar with the construction and operation of the apparatus and the hazards involved”.

You must occupy the dwelling.

You are not permitted to do any electrical work on rental property or multi-family dwellings.

You can do the work yourself with or without assistance from qualified persons not under contract who do not receive renumeration.

If you are getting assistance, we will require their name, address and phone number.

Note: Homeowners are NOT permitted to install Radiant Ceiling Heat Panels.

Plans for electrical heating systems must be submitted and approved prior to permit issuance.

**Fees**

Fees are based on the total value of the proposed electrical work including all material and labour.

Estimate your value by ‘doubling’ the cost of materials and adding the two together. Fees are in the [Electrical Bylaw](#).

**How Do I Get An Inspection?**

Any work done under a permit must be inspected by an Electrical Inspector.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to request and arrange each required inspection.

One day’s notice is required to schedule an inspection, excluding weekends and Statutory Holidays.

Be ready with your name, phone number, permit number, address of work, type of inspection.

Routine inspections include a rough and a final inspection.

Call the 24 hour inspection request line at 604-990-2444. Requests received by 4:00 pm will be conducted on the following business day.