

Electrical Permit Information

The Electrical Code

The State of Michigan, including the City of Portage, is governed by the State of Michigan Electrical Code. The Electrical Code consists of the 2023 National Electrical Code with Michigan Part Eight technical amendments. Provisions for one and two family dwellings are included in the 2023 State of Michigan Residential Code.

Is an electrical permit required?

Yes. A person shall not equip a building with electrical conductors or equipment or make an alteration of, change in, or addition to, electrical conductors or equipment without receiving a permit to do the work described. Work should not be started until a permit has been issued.

Electrical permits are not required for the following:

- Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
- Radio and television transmitting stations: Provisions of the code do not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmission, but do apply to equipment and wiring for power supply and to the installation of towers and antennas.
- Temporary testing systems: A permit is not required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Who can perform electrical work?

To obtain electrical permits, an applicant shall be an electrical contractor or specialty contractor licensed by a municipality or by the State Electrical Administrative Board; or a homeowner performing electrical work in a single family home and accompanying outbuildings owned and occupied, or to be occupied, by the person performing the installation.

Electrical Permit Application

The electrical permit application can be printed for your use. Simply complete the application and bring or mail it (along with the applicable fees) to the Department of Community Development for processing.