

What Should You Do If You Have Electrical Storm Damage?

- Contact an electrical contractor who holds a **Contractor License from the Commonwealth of Kentucky** to assess the damages to your electrical service.
- You may contact the OMPC office at 270-687-8665 to determine if an electrical contractor holds a **Contractor License from the Commonwealth of Kentucky**.
- The **Licensed Contractor** must obtain an electrical permit from the OMPC Electrical Office in order to perform the necessary repairs. The typical cost for a **Storm Damage Repair Permit is \$35**.

Exception: A permit to perform electrical work in or about the home may be issued to a homeowner, provided that all work is performed by the homeowner and the homeowner is also a resident of the home. However, the Electrical Inspector will not issue a permit unless the homeowner appears before the Electrical Inspector and shows by answering questions that the homeowner has sufficient knowledge to properly perform the work. If it is apparent from the character of the work performed that the homeowner is not competent to perform the work under any permit issued, the Electrical Inspector may require the portion of the work in violation to be changed, altered or repaired by a licensed electrical contractor at the expense of the homeowner. A permit shall be issued without fee to such electrical contractor and the permit to the homeowner shall be cancelled.

- After obtaining an electrical permit, the electrical service repairs may be performed.

It is unlawful for any person to install, alter or repair any electrical work covered by local ordinance in Daviess County, Kentucky, without first obtaining a permit from the OMPC Electrical Office.

If work for which a permit is required commences prior to obtaining a permit, additional fees will be charged in addition to the original permit fee. The additional fee shall be equal to the amount of the original permit fee, but not less than \$500.00. Payment of the fee will not relieve any person of the requirement for the electrical work to conform to the National Electric Code. The permit fee will not be doubled for **emergency repairs performed when the OMPC office is not open** if a permit is requested as soon as the OMPC office is available.

The life of a permit may be extended, if necessary, upon application, but all permits shall be void within sixty (60) days if the work is not begun within that time.

Electrical Inspections:

- The project must be inspected for compliance with the National Electrical Code. The Contractor or Homeowner must call for an inspection before the utility will reconnect power. This inspection is for the safety of the structure and all occupants.

Certificate of Compliance:

- Once the project has passed final inspection, a **Certificate of Compliance** is issued to whoever has obtained the permit. Once this certificate is issued, the project is complete. Homeowners are encouraged to request a copy of the **Certificate of Compliance** from the electrical contractor.