

Post Hurricane Electrical Power Restoration

Important Information

During post-Hurricane efforts to restore electrical power, if a property has been determined to have sustained damage from wind or flooding, your electric service provider (FPL or LCEC) may require your structure to have the electrical service inspected by a licensed electrician with that licensed electrician's findings reviewed and approved by the Collier County Building Division before electrical services can be restored.

To expedite this process, and so long as repairs are not required, the Collier County Building Division does not require a permit for the electrical contractor to perform their safety check for reenergizing a structure's electrical service. When the licensed electrician has completed their safety assessment and is ready for the power of a structure to be restored, they provide notice to the Building Division by notarized letter, indicating their license number on their company letterhead to inspections@colliercountyfl.gov for quick review and forwarding to the electric service provider for restoration. County staff is monitoring emails from these licensed electrical contractors 7 days per week to ensure quick notification to electric service utility companies.

If repairs are required to be made by the licensed electrical contractor while performing the safety check, work may begin immediately, the licensed electrical contractor should apply for a building permit within 24 hours of the repair (online or in person) and can schedule an inspection upon completion. For storm-related electrical repairs, single-family homes can be inspected on the same day during daytime hours or as coordinated with the licensed electrician. Because of the potential complexity and to provide access to electrical service equipment, commercial and multifamily structures will be coordinated with the licensed electrician and scheduled as requested. Please note that all repairs must conform to the Florida Building Code (FBC) and National Electric Code (NEC) to ensure safe and continuous service.