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In the interest of public safety, the State of Iowa has enacted a law which establishes an **Electrical Inspection Program** which will apply to all new services and, in many cases, to electrical improvements to existing services. Under this program, **electrical permits will be required** for all new electrical installations including residential, farm, commercial and industrial. Additionally, a permit will be required for electrical improvements which involve work inside a new or existing panelboard. A **permit application must be completed by the electrician** prior to performing any work. Once the work is completed, it must be reviewed and approved by a **State Inspector** before the service can be connected by the electric utility.

In an effort to help our members understand and comply with these requirements, we offer the following information:

- 1) How do I apply for a permit? Your electrician must apply on-line at <https://iowaelectrical.gov>. This web site can also be used to pay permit fees, request inspections and to find answers to other questions. You can also apply by mail, fax or phone as shown at the bottom of this page.
- 2) Do I need a permit for routine maintenance? You may not need a permit if the work only involves repair or replacement of existing wiring or electrical equipment with that of the same size and type and if no other changes in wiring are required. If the work requires opening of a panelboard a permit will be required.
- 3) How long will it take to have an inspection completed once the work is done? The State Inspectors are allowed up to 3 business days (excluding weekends and holidays) following receipt of an inspection request to perform the inspection. The utility will schedule a time to connect the service once the inspector provides notice of the approved final inspection.
- 4) Who will do my inspections? The State of Iowa is broken into 4 zones, with each zone having an assigned Supervisor and 4 inspectors. Contact information for the inspector for our region is shown below.
- 5) Do these inspectors provide coverage for the entire state? No. In many cases such as municipalities or other governing bodies, local governments will continue to provide their own inspectors.
- 6) When do I call for an inspection on a project? You will need to request an inspection before any electrical work is concealed in any wall or ceiling. You will also need to request an inspection for any new service, upgrade of an existing service or for temporary service. This inspection is required before the utility company can energize the service. You will also need to request a final inspection once the project is completed.
- 7) What does the permit and inspection cost? Costs have been established by the State and can be accessed via <https://iowaelectrical.gov>
- 8) How do I pay for the permit? Payment can be made on the web site using a credit card or by sending check or money order to the address below

If you have additional questions, please either call our office or contact the State Agency at the following address:

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Wallace State Office Building
502 East Ninth Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Ph: 1-866-923-1082 Fax: (515) 725-6151

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