

Plan your rewiring project

Use before the site visit and again before work begins. You can prepare the space without touching wiring, opening electrical equipment or removing panel covers.

Access and safe preparation

- Agree on access to the basement, attic hatch, panel and exterior meter area. Ask the electrician how much clear space is needed.
- Describe attic insulation and flooring from existing knowledge or safely visible areas. Do not enter unsafe areas or disturb insulation.
- Arrange keys, pets, gates and inspection-day access privately with the contractor. Do not put security codes in a public inquiry.
- Move belongings and dust-sensitive items as agreed. Confirm who supplies floor and furniture protection.

Rooms and power interruptions

- List rooms that need to remain usable, finishes to preserve and any areas that must not be opened.
- Get the room-by-room sequence and expected outage windows in writing, including any utility-dependent service work.
- Make a separate plan for refrigeration, home-office needs and any essential powered equipment.
- Agree how children, pets and occupants will remain outside work and containment areas.
- Confirm how inspection delays or concealed conditions will affect the schedule.

Walls, dust and responsibility

- Identify the firm responsible for cutting and patching. For applicable pre-1978 work, confirm the required lead-safe credentials and practices.
- Ask about likely access openings and whether the repair scope ends at rough patch, paint-ready, matching texture or finished paint.
- Agree on dust containment, daily cleanup and disposal. Do not move or disturb containment yourself.
- If suspected asbestos or vermiculite may be disturbed, establish the assessment and specialist-work plan before work starts.

Before final payment

- Walk each work area and reconcile every opening and any agreed exclusions with the written scope.
- Receive the permit and final-inspection records, itemized invoice and updated circuit directory.
- Confirm in writing which old circuits were disconnected and exactly which circuits remain energized after a partial project.
- Keep warranty details, approved change orders and any insurer or lender documentation together.

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