

FREQUENTLY ASKED FLOOD QUESTIONS

1. Is an electrical permit required on all flood inspections? *No, as a courtesy the State Electrical Division will inspect flooded property and complete a disaster report, the report will state if a permit is required only if we are called in by Emergency Management. A list of state electrical inspectors can be found at; <https://electrical.nebraska.gov/state-electrical-inspectors> .
If you are under the jurisdiction of a county or municipal electrical inspection program you will need to contact that jurisdiction. A list of these can be found at; <https://electrical.nebraska.gov/municipal-county-electrical-inspection-programs>*
2. Does the State Electrical Division have the authority to enter the flood area? *The State Electrical Division can not enter any area if it has not been released from the flood area, or approved to enter by the proper authority. We can not pass road closed signs or enter the water in any way.*
3. Can a homeowner perform the required electrical repairs? *If the property is the homeowner's **principal residence** then the answer is yes. When filing for a permit the homeowner will need to complete the homeowner verification form and send it in with the permit. If the property is commercial property or a weekend home or rental property a **Nebraska licensed electrical contractor** will have to perform the work and file the necessary permit application.*
4. When a permit application is submitted to the electrical division how long does it take for processing? *Electrical permits are processed the day they come in and unless there is a problem with the application it is issued the same day.*
5. Can the homeowner apply for these permits online? *The web site home page is www.electrical.nebraska.gov. and the direct*

link to the homeowner application

<https://www.nebraska.gov/sed/permits/homeowner/> .

6. How long will it take for an inspector to get to the property to make the inspection? *The inspector will respond within 5 days or possibly longer depending on the amount of requests for that area, from the date the permit holder requests the inspection, this can be a shorter time if there is good communication provided to the inspector so he can plan the inspection. Remember everyone wants to be first so the key is good communication. Also be patient the inspectors will have a large work load and will do there best to keep up with requests.*
7. Water has been in my home how much electrical wiring has to be replaced? *Electrical equipment and devices that were below the high flood water line will need to be replaced. NM Cable will need to be replaced or cut back to a point that the interior paper is dry.*
8. Most Power District's require an inspection to re-energize the flooded property does this mean I have to get a permit? *Refer to question #1, and most power district's will accept our disaster report to verify the property was inspected, the disaster report may require a permit and additional wiring.*
9. How much do electrical permits cost? *It varies by the amount of electrical work that is performed, it could range from \$30 for a minor repair to \$235 if you have to replace a 200 amp service and repair 40 circuits. If you have a huge building it could be much higher, it all depends on the amount of work being done.*