

ELECTRICAL

All electrical work requires a permit and must be completed by a licensed electrical contractor that is registered with the city.

For questions, contact Electrical Inspections at (832) 394-8860.

MECHANICAL

Permits are not required for the installation or replacement of thermostats and grills that are part of the HVAC system.

Permits are required for all other mechanical work.

For questions, contact Mechanical Inspections at (832) 394-8850.

PLUMBING

Permits are not required to replace bathroom or kitchen faucets, ballcocks or water control valves, garbage disposals, or water closets.

Permits are required for all other plumbing work, including sinks.

For questions, contact Plumbing Inspections at (832) 394-8870.

CONTACT US

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In-Person Monday - Friday,
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RESIDENTIAL STORM DAMAGE REPAIR WORK

(SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES & DUPLEXES)

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PERMIT GUIDELINES



- Electrical, mechanical, or plumbing contractors making repairs to your home must buy a permit and be registered with the City of Houston.
- To verify Master Electricians and HVAC licensees, visit www.tdlr.texas.gov.
- To verify Master Plumbers, visit www.tsbpe.texas.gov.
- General contractors are not required to have a license. Check with the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org for complaints and scams.
- It is recommended to get three bids and review each carefully.
- Homeowners may apply for plumbing and HVAC permits with prior approval. Contact each inspections group for more details.
- If electrical service was disconnected, a permit is required to reconnect the service.
- If electrical outlets, switches, receptacles, devices, and/or equipment were flooded, a licensed electrician must replace them to the current code requirements.

As we begin the process of cleaning up and rebuilding after the storm, the City of Houston wants to remind homeowners of several basic rules:

STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

Permits are not required for:

- Tarping
- Replacing wooden and metal fences less than 8 feet in height.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
- Replacing minor patchwork (Drywall or Sheetrock) repairs that is not part of a fire-rated assembly not exceeding 100 square feet (10 x 10).
- Replacing exterior wood fascia, trim, and soffits not exceeding 128 square feet (10 x 12).

Permits are required for:

- Replacing damaged gypsum board that is part of a fire-rated assembly (ex: a shared wall in a townhome).
- Structural damage such as walls being moved, joists or rafters knocked down, and roof collapse. Replacing siding that exceeds 128 square feet and all exterior veneers.
- Roof covering and repair that exceeds 100 square feet.
- Replacing windows, exterior doors, and the between an attached garage and house. Sheetrock over 1

For questions, contact Structural Inspections at 832.394.8840.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For homes located in the floodplain, you must contact the Floodplain Management Office prior to making any repairs at 832.394.8854 or fmo@houstontx.gov.

For information on flood damage repair requirements, visit **Floodplain Management Office** <https://bit.ly/3WC6GbH>.

For more information on the **Floodplain Management Office** visit: <https://bit.ly/3QKLEDV>

