City of Detroit
Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department
Electrical Inspection Division
2 Woodward Ave, Fourth Floor, Room 408
Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 224-3130 or (313) 628-2661

ELECTRICAL SERVICE RECONNECT INSPECTION OVERVIEW

STEP 1:

You must call DTE Energy to create a work order. Please call **1-800-333-0178** to begin this process. After you have created a work order with DTE Energy, you then must obtain an *Electrical Service Reconnect* permit from the City of Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering, & Environmental Department's Electrical Inspection Division, in Room 408, Fourth Floor, in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (formerly the City-County Building). Please ask to speak to the Electrical Supervisor. In the absence of the Electrical Supervisor in Room 408, you may also obtain your permit in 409, the Plan Review Division. Please see the Electrical Plan Reviewer in Cubicle #9. **The electrical service reconnect permit and the subsequent electrical inspection(s) are mandatory in order to re-energize the service.** It would be most helpful to know the amperage of the service before coming to the Electrical Division to obtain the service reconnect permit.

THE ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE IS BASED ON THE SERVICE AMPERAGE:

Each Service, 200 amps or less	$60.00

THE FOLLOWING REQUIRES THE SERVICES OF A LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR:

Over 200 to 400 amps	$80.00
Over 400 amps	$134.00

PLEASE BE ADVISED: A SERVICE RECONNECT PERMIT IS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RESTORING POWER TO THE RESIDENCE OR BUILDING. ELECTRICAL WORK FOUND TO HAVE BEEN PERFORMED TO THE SERVICE WILL AUTOMATICALLY VOID THE SERVICE RECONNECT PERMIT.

STEP 2:

Once the Service Reconnect permit is obtained, you may schedule your electrical inspection. You may either schedule the inspection while at the Electrical Division office, or you may call the Electrical Division clerical staff **(see contact listing below)** to schedule your inspection. If you arrive at the office and obtain your permit ***before*** 2:00 p.m., you most likely will receive the very next business day. If you arrive ***after*** 2:00 p.m., you will receive the next available date.

STEP 3:

After the Electrical Inspection:

If your inspection passes, the City of Detroit Electrical Inspector that performed the inspection will fax a Service Release approval to DTE Energy to restore service to the dwelling or building. Please contact DTE Energy to continue the process after the electrical inspection has been approved for restoral of service.

If your inspection fails, or the Electrical Inspector sees work that has been done, the *Service Reconnect* permit will be canceled, and a Licensed Electrical Contractor must be hired to pull the proper electrical permit and make the corrections and/or cover the work performed. DTE Energy will be notified by the Electrical Division of the unapproved status of the service, and any violations cited by the Electrical Inspector if applicable.

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT LISTING:

DTE Service Planning General Line
(313) 235-4400

City of Detroit Electrical Division Clerical Staff:
(313) 628-2661 or (313) 224-3228
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
SwintM@detroitmi.gov

City of Detroit Electrical Supervising Inspector
Mr. Vincent Cooley
Email: CooleyV@detroitmi.gov
(313) 224-3130 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. What equipment* is the Electrical Inspector coming out to inspect?

- Bonding
- Conductors
- Grounding
- Meter Enclosure
- Overhead Service Height
- Original equipment is still in place (New equipment should not be present)
- Service
- Service Cable
- Service Panel

***Please be advised:** This is only a sample of what the Electrical Inspector may inspect. All service equipment must be free from deterioration and/or damage.

2. Where can I find the service amperage?
This information is located on the electrical service panel, or on the lever of the main circuit breaker.

3. How soon may I expect my electrical service to be restored?
Please contact DTE's Service Planning General Line at the bottom of Page One for information about the restoral status of your service.

4. I had a house fire and have hired an Electrical Contractor, can I still obtain a service reconnect permit?
Yes, but not for any new electrical work that needs to be performed.

5. Do I need an electrical service reconnect permit if my service was shut off for non-payment?
No.

6. My service is over 200 amps, why is an Electrical Contractor needed to obtain the permit?
A Licensed Electrical Contractor is required to be present at the location to open the service panel/equipment for an electrical inspection.