Do I need an electrical permit?
You need to get a permit for all electrical work, with a few exceptions. The Seattle Electrical Code, 80.50 (B) itemizes the few items which can be replaced without a permit (for example, dimmers, thermostats, water heater, and baseboard heater).

What types of electrical permits are available?
There are two types of permits:

- Over the Counter (self-issued) - For smaller projects, such as a single-family home or electrical renovations under 5,000 square feet
- Plan review - For larger projects

As a homeowner, can I apply for a permit?
Yes, if you perform your own work. If you’re not doing the work, you must hire an electrical contractor. If you get a homeowner permit and then decide to hire someone, you can add (or delete) a contractor as needed (to do so, contact us at www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/contact-us).

How do I schedule an inspection?
Once you have a permit, you can schedule your inspections using the Seattle Services Portal at https://cosaccela.seattle.gov.

1. On the portal home page, enter your record number in the main search box and hit enter
2. Click on the blue Inspections and Appointments link
3. Scroll down to find the pending inspection you want to schedule
4. Click the arrow next to the blue Actions link and select schedule
5. Follow the prompts from there

How can I schedule an inspection for today?
Yes. If you schedule an inspection before 7:00 a.m., it will be scheduled for the same day. If you schedule an inspection after 7:00 a.m., it will be scheduled for the next working day.

How do I find my inspection results?
Follow these steps to find your inspection results:

1. Go to the Seattle Services Portal: https://cosaccela.seattle.gov
2. Enter your permit number in the main search box, then click Search
3. After the record information loads, click on the report link next to the login button
4. Click Inspections Review Report and then click Submit in the pop-up window
5. The report will open or download as a PDF
6. The report includes all your inspections, results, and inspector comments

How do I contact SDCI for electrical issues?
You can find much of the information you need on:
The SDCI website www.seattle.gov/sdci

If you still need help, you can contact:
Our permit specialists www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/contact-us

Electrical services staff (206) 684-8950

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How Do I Get an Electrical Permit?

You will need to register for an account in the Seattle Services Portal, [https://cosacela.seattle.gov](https://cosacela.seattle.gov). Your account will let you apply for permits, pay fees, schedule inspections, and check for inspection results.

Follow these instructions to get a homeowner's electrical permit:

1. Log into the portal
2. Under Create New, click on Permits-Trade, Construction, and Land Use
3. Click on Trade Permits
4. Select Electrical Permit: Over the Counter
5. Fill in the project address and click Continue Application
6. On the next page fill out only the questions that are relevant to your project
7. Click Continue Application
8. On the next page, Detail Information, fill out all boxes with a red asterisk and the additional boxes that apply to your project
9. If you are a homeowner and you are not using a contractor, click the homeowner affidavit checkbox
10. Click Continue Application
11. On the next page, provide additional information only for the items that apply to your project by clicking Add a Row and selecting from the options
12. On the next page, you can probably skip providing an attachment because this is usually for commercial or larger projects
13. Click Continue Application
14. Review your application summary answers
15. Click on Save for Later or Continue Application if you’re ready to check out and pay your initial fees
16. Click Check Out and follow the prompts

Questions?

If you need help with your electrical permit application, call our electrical services staff at (206) 684-8950, or contact us at [www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/contact-us](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/contact-us)