



STATE OF IOWA Electrical permits are required whenever new electrical equipment or systems are installed. Electrical permits are not required for any electrical installation that meets all four of the following criteria:

1. The installation is to be legally performed by a State of Iowa licensed journeyman or master electrician or by a licensed apprentice electrician under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman or master electrician.
2. The installation does not involve work within a new or existing switch board or panelboard.
3. The installation does not involve any electrical line-to-ground circuit of more than 30 amperes.
4. The installation does not involve any electrical line-to-ground circuit of more than 277 volts single phase,

Electrical permit is usually done by an electrical contractor performing the installation. There are some exceptions to [Iowa Chapter 103](#) that allow the [Homeowner/Farmer](#) to perform the electrical installation but the other requirements for electrical permits and inspections still apply.

The application for electrical permit is usually done online at lowaelectrical.gov which uses a secured program to accept payment by credit card. This format is available 24 hours a day and the payment and submittal are instantaneous. For those without internet access or who prefer paper forms the [Manual Permit Application](#) can be filled out and submitted by mail with an accompanying check or money order. Naturally, this option is slowed by using the postal service. Contact your area electrical inspector using the Inspector Map and they can assist you with the Manual Permit form.



Manual Entry Form for Electrical Permit

State Fire Marshal Division

Electrical Bureau

215 E 7th Street, Des Moines IA 50319

1-866-923-1082 Fax (515) 725-6151

For credit/debit card purchase go to iowaelectrical.gov

For purchase by check, money order, or cashier's check, fill out this form.

Fill out the following information to create your permit. Please keep copy for your records and send us the original.

*** Refund of permit/inspection fees: Request for refunds of unused permit/inspection fees should be sent to: State Fire Marshal Division/Electrical Bureau. Unless approved by the chief electrical inspector, refund requests for amounts of \$25 or less, or for fees that were paid more than one (1) year from the date of the purchase will not be refunded.**

****Note: Homeowner accounts are for homeowners who wish to perform electrical work on an existing home they both own and live in.**

**** NEW HOMES MUST BE WIRED BY A LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR. ****

Are you a:

Homeowner:

Farmer:

Contractor:

Your Mailing Address:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail (If available): _____

State Contractor Electrical License Number (If applicable): _____

Permit Information

Project Title: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

County: _____

Project Type: New Addition Renovation Doesn't involve a structure

Utility Company Servicing Property: _____

Utility Company Phone Number: _____

Project Description:

