

Q. My electrical service was damaged during the storm. How do I get power back on?

A. Have an electrician complete the repairs to the service. Call WI Rapids Power & Light for re-connection.

Q. Do I have to upgrade my old service to current standards?

A. No, An act of god such as storm damage the service only has to be “made whole” as it was. 60-amp service can just be repaired to 60-amp. Most insurance companies will only pay for repairs only not upgrades.

Q. Do I have to secure an electrical permit and pay the permit fees for repairs?

A. No, BUT if you decide to upgrade an old service to current standards then permits and inspections will be required.

Q. Do I have to have a licensed electrician complete the repairs?

A. Yes all electrical work in WI Rapids requires a State licensed electrician complete the work.

Q. Does the electrician have to use current Codes for the repairs?

A. No. The electrician can use the rules that were in effect at the time of the original installation, and bring the service back to that condition.

Q. If a shock or fire hazard exists, what do I do?

A. Regardless of what your insurance company says if a shock or fire hazard exists you **MUST** have that repaired. Remember your insurance must cover repairs if a hazard exists. You may in that case have an inspection for verification. Most insurance companies will agree if you call and let them know your concerns.

Q. After I have my power restored is anything else required?

A. Once the power is restored if other damage was done to the property you should have that evaluated by an electrician. Insurance companies should cover that.

The following is the list of the prevailing Codes that take precedence for storm damage of electrical systems:

Wisconsin SPS-316.003

(4) Repairs. Repairs to electrical installations shall conform to the electrical code that applied when the installations were installed. A repair may be required to be brought into compliance with the current code's requirements by the department when a hazard to life, health or property exists or is created by the repair.

Wisconsin Rapids City Electrical Code Chapter 17

17.12 LICENSE REQUIRED

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of planning, installing, altering or REPAIRING any electrical wiring or apparatus for the utilization of electric current for light, heat or power in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, without first having procured a license therefor as provided by this chapter, the Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter SPS 305 and SPS 316.....