Electrical Repairs
All electrical work requires a permit and must be completed by a licensed electrical contractor.
For questions, contact Electrical Inspections at (832) 394-8860.

Mechanical Repairs
Permits are not required for the installation or replacement of air outlet grills, thermostats, and return air filters or grills.
Permits are required for replacing condensing units and evaporator coils, relocating a condensing unit from its original location, replacing a condensing unit with one of a different tonnage rating, and installing or replacing ductwork or furnaces.
For questions, contact Mechanical Inspections at (832) 394-8850.

Plumbing Repairs
Permits are not required to replace lavatory or kitchen faucets, ballcocks or water control valves, garbage disposals, or water closets. Permits are required for reconnecting fixtures to the water/wastewater system.
For questions, contact Plumbing Inspections at (832) 394-8870.

Additional Information

Contact us to help with your storm damage repair issue.

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Residential
Storm Damage
Repair Work
(Single-family homes & duplexes)
As we begin the process of cleaning up and rebuilding after the storm, the City of Houston wants to remind homeowners of several basic repair rules:

- 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](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov).
- To verify Master Plumbers, visit [tsbpe.state.tx.us/consumer-information.html](http://tsbpe.state.tx.us/consumer-information.html)
- General contractors are not required to have a license. Check with the Better Business Bureau at [bbb.org/houston](http://bbb.org/houston) 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 outlets, switches, receptacles, devices and/or service were flooded, they must be replaced by a licensed electrician who will ensure conformity to the current code requirements.

**Structural Repairs**

Permits are **not required** for:

- Tarping
- Repairing wooden and metal fences less than 8 feet in height
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work
- Repairing damaged gypsum board (a.k.a. sheetrock or drywall)
- Repairing exterior wood facia, trim and soffits

Permits are **required** for:

- Structural damage such as walls being moved or knocked down or a roof collapse
- Repairing siding that exceeds 128 square feet
- Roof covering that exceeds 100 square feet
- Replacing exterior doors and windows

For questions, contact Structural Inspections at (832) 394-8840.

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](mailto:fmo@houstontx.gov).

For information on flood damage repair requirements, visit [floodplain.houstontx.gov](http://floodplain.houstontx.gov).