

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

Visit edocs.publicworks.houstontx.gov/documents/divisions/planning/enforcement/1058_residential_repair_guidelines.pdf

Contact us to help with your storm damage repair issue.

IN PERSON

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

**Extended hours coming soon*

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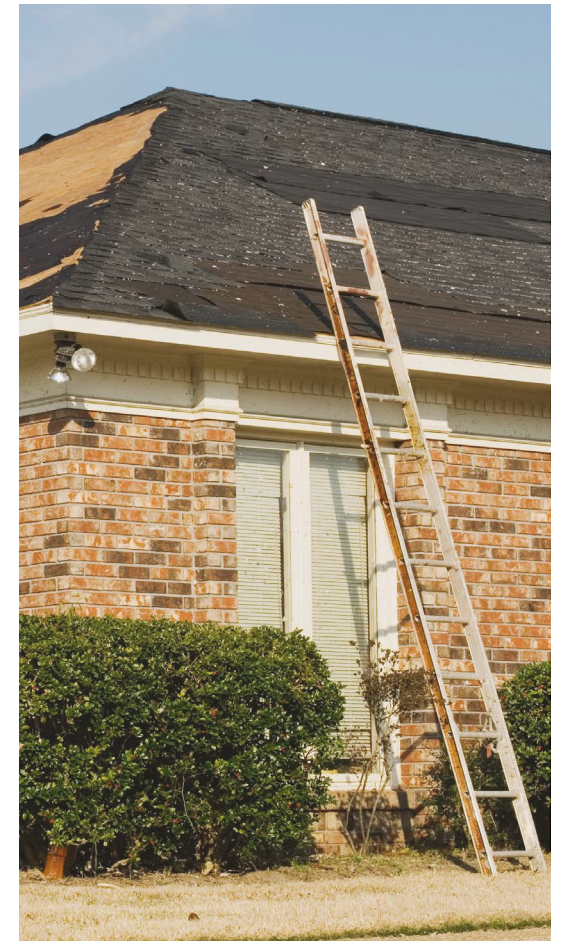


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Residential Storm Damage Repair Work

(Single-family homes & duplexes)



Permit Guidelines

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.
- To verify Master Plumbers, visit 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 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.

For information on flood damage repair requirements, visit floodplain.houstontx.gov.