



DeKalb County Planning & Development Department

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The following is how Planning & Development Department can assist you with structural, non-structural and electrical power outages/problems due to flooding;

A. Any non-structural work to repair the flood damage valued under \$3,000 does not require a permit. The type of work includes; carpet replacement, painting, sheet rock replacement etc.

B. Work that require structural repair needs permit. These permits will be expedited and issued on the same day.

C. Department staff will assess flood damage to structure upon homeowners request and if homeowner grants right-of-entry in order for staff to enter the premises.

D. Inspections for the permitted work will be expedited.

E. For electrical power outage problems due to flooding see attached recommendations

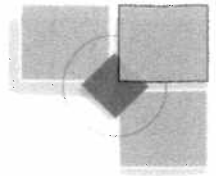
For assistance call Patrick Ejike at 404-371-2155 (His assistant Vicky Islam at 404-371-4740 or Hari Karikaran at 404-371-2160 (His assistant Sharon Young at 404-371-2112).



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ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REPAIRS AFTER FLOODING

1. **IF PANELS AND METERING EQUIPMENT ARE SUBMERGED**

A licensed electrical contractor needs to make repairs after permitting the job. (The water that is on this equipment contains impurities that can cause the insulation to fail causing a dangerous condition if power is restored). At that point the contractor will assume responsibility for the power restoration; a Temporary Power inspection should be scheduled. At this point we will inspect and send approval to the power company. A final inspection will assure that all items are working properly after the power is on.

2. **THE INDOOR ELECTRICAL WIRING IF WALLS ARE WET**

A licensed electrical contractor needs to permit the job. After the drywall is removed we need to see the new NM Cable an electrical contractor has installed, this will be a Rough Inspection. After the devices are installed a final inspection should be performed to assure safety. Any new devices will need to be tamper resistant and the installation should meet the 2008 NEC requirements.

3. **THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY WATER IN THE HOUSE**

- a. If the power is turned off as a precaution by the Power Company, and there is no damage to any portion, we will allow the homeowner to obtain a permit to restore power. We will look at the meter, the panel, the grounding, check for unsafe conditions and then give permission to the power company to restore power.
- b. If there is damage due to trees or other objects on the incoming power connections to the house, a licensed electrical contractor will be required to take out a permit and follow the procedures for repairs to a service.