



**DPS** | Montgomery County  
Department of Permitting Services

## **What You Need to Know About Electrician Licenses and Permits**

In Montgomery County, an electrical permit is required for all electrical work to be performed.

The applicant must have a valid Master license issued by the [Maryland State Board of Electricians](#).

Once the applicant completes the online electrical permit application and pays the fee, the permit will be issued automatically by the Department of Permitting Services (DPS). Please note that no violations may be present at the property to complete the application.

An electrical license is not required to apply for a [low voltage permit](#) from DPS. Low voltage electrical systems are designed to operate at 50 volts or less. This includes (but not limited to) fire alarm systems wiring, cable TV systems, telephone systems, audio/video systems, computer network wiring and all systems operating at or below 50 volts. Any work above 50 volts must be performed by a master electrician with a valid license as issued by the [Maryland State Board of Electricians](#).

If you have additional questions, call 311 (240-777-0311) or email [DPS.Electrical-Mechanical@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:DPS.Electrical-Mechanical@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For information about applying for or renewing a business license, visit the [Montgomery County Circuit Court website](#).

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