



# Special Event Electrical Permits

*All electrical wiring or temporary wiring requires permitting and inspection. All wiring must also be to National Electric Code, Washington State Administrative Code and Spokane Municipal Code.*

Electrical Permits are required for the following scenarios:

- **Existing Power Receptacles**
  - Vendor or contractor supplied wiring is connected to existing on-site power receptacles \*except 110volt extension cord connection
  - Example: T-shirt vendor van with a rubber feeder cord to plug in to existing 50 amp 240volt receptacles
- **New Temporary Pole or Pedestal**
  - Requires licensed electrician
  - Vendor or contractor supplies underground pedestals or overhead poles with new power supplied by Avista or Inland Power
- **Temporary Pedestals or Spider Boxes Added to Existing Services**
  - Vendor or contractor supplied feeders supplying power to pre-made electrical panels that:
    - either have cord caps and connect by plugging in or open-end cords
    - OR
    - utilize flexible or rigid conduits with wires that are hard-wired to existing breakers or disconnects
- **Generators**
  - Any type of generator or portable generator (except with 110 volt only), either hand-carried or on wheels





# Promoters, Contractors & Event Planners

*Temporary wiring and generators for events in the City of Spokane and State of Washington need to be permitted and inspected. Temporary wiring installed on weekends will have the added expense of an after-hours call for inspection.*

## SPOKANE MUNICIPAL CODE

### S.M.C. 08.02.031 Q

#### *Inspections Outside Normal Inspector Working Hours*

The fee for inspections outside normal inspector working hours is seventy-five dollars per hour or fraction of an hour, with a minimum of two hours.

**Fee for inspections outside normal inspector working hours: \$150 minimum**

Due to recent questions, we are revisiting and clarifying department policy regarding temporary plug and cord wiring for carnivals, fairs, concerts, trade shows and similar events.

A permit and inspection is required for any type of temporary power distribution system that uses generators, dimmers, transformers, feeders, branch circuits, or other means that distribute power to electrical equipment (ex. amplifiers, lights, etc.).

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### PART C PERMITS AND FEES

#### *Inspection and Approval*

(9) Request for inspections

(b) Requests for after hours or weekend inspections must be made by contacting the local electrical inspection supervisor at least three working days prior to the requested date of inspection. The portal-to-portal inspection fees required for after hours or weekend inspections are in addition to the cost of the original electrical work permit





# Temporary Plug and Cord Wiring

## When is an Electrician required?

A permit **and** inspection is required for any type of temporary power distribution system (interconnecting wiring, spider boxes, or other equipment installed to distribute power to the end user) that uses the following:

- Generators
- Dimmers
- Transformers
- Feeders
- Branch circuits or other means that distribute power to electrical equipment (ex. amplifiers, lights, etc.)

*Wiring a temporary power distribution system is not exempt from permit and inspection requirements even if the power source is from a permanently installed electrical receptacle.*

If the plug and cord system is owned by the installer (ex. show operator, road crew, etc.) the installer is considered to be an owner and is exempt from the requirements for electrical contractor licensing and certification by *RCW 19.28.261(1)* if:

- The installer has approval from the property owner to make the electrical installation **and**
- There is no hard wiring involved in the system





# Temporary Electrical Set-Up

