



Development Services Center

EL-05 Temporary Power Poles

A temporary power pole is to be installed at construction sites where electrical power is needed. Temporary power poles are to be installed to code per NEC and must meet AVISTA/Inland Power metering requirements. Only one temporary power pole is allowed per site. Exceptions to this rule may be granted for special situations by the electrical inspector.

A temporary power pole is to be installed at reconstruction/repair sites for fire damaged buildings where electrical power is needed and power has been disconnected from the building. Building services for single-family dwellings may be used during repairs for temporary power **by special permission** of the electrical inspector if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The service entrance conductors and equipment have not been damaged and meet code requirements.
2. All branch circuits are removed from the electrical panel.
3. All damaged wiring is removed from the building.
4. GFI outlet(s) is (are) installed at the panel for use during repairs.
5. A light is installed above the panel.

No circuits are to be energized until inspected.

A temporary power pole may remain active for 90 days or as long as the construction permits remain active and the project shows progress.



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