

Due to the recent flooding that we have experienced across the state and concerns brought to the attention of the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) by some power companies that were affected, we will be implementing the following procedures: As soon as access is possible, a cursory safety inspection will be performed at locations impacted by floodwaters to determine if electrical equipment has been inundated by rising water. During the visit the SFMO will only be assessing by a visual inspection from the outside of structures for the level that the water reached. This will result in one of three possible actions which you find outlined below.

1. Determination that floodwaters did not reach any electrical equipment. No action will be taken. Each power company determines if electrical service may be turned back on.
2. Determination that floodwaters did inundate some equipment to a minor extent and the replacement of receptacles and switches will be all that is needed to ensure safe operation. A form letter will be left on location specifying steps that should be taken with no follow up electrical safety inspection required.
3. Determination that floodwaters did rise to level that has affected the electrical installation. There will be a RED rejection sticker applied to the electrical service equipment impacted and a form letter will be left on location specifying steps that will need to be taken to replace or repair the electrical components. Upon completion of replacement or repairs, an electrical permit will be required to be obtained and a follow up electrical safety inspection will be performed with passage of the inspection required before the service is re-energized.

When the visit results in implementation of items 2 or 3, the meter number and location (if ascertainable) will be noted and given to the power company. We will begin our visits Monday, March 11, 2019 and will continue, when possible, until all locations impacted have been reviewed to ensure safety. The SFMO will have State Electrical inspectors performing the visits in uniform with badges and/or SFMO logos on shirts or caps and will present identification upon request.

An employee of the power company who is familiar with the area could accompany the State Electrical Inspector to ensure the process moves quickly. [Attached are examples of the letters that will be left on site.](#)



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