

NOTICE OF PERMIT PROCESS CHANGES

Electrical Work, Generators & Swimming Pools

Effective immediately, the Town of Eliot has updated its permitting process for electrical work, generators, and swimming pools. The Town will no longer issue electrical permits or perform electrical inspections.

For purposes of this notice, the “responsible electrician” means the Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician responsible for the electrical installation, as applicable. This does not change the scope of work or supervision permitted under Maine law.

Electrical Work

The Town will no longer issue electrical permits or conduct electrical inspections. Electrical work must be performed in accordance with Maine electrical licensing laws, including applicable supervision requirements, and under the responsibility of the appropriate Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician. As part of this change, the Town will no longer notify Central Maine Power (CMP) that electrical service is authorized to be energized. Instead, the responsible Master or Limited Electrician will provide the required documentation directly to the utility using Form 1360.

For projects requiring a Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant must provide documentation from the responsible Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. Acceptable documentation includes an applicable affidavit, Form 1360, or an equivalent document acceptable to the Town.

State Electrical Permitting

The State of Maine electrical permitting process remains unchanged. Where a State electrical permit is required, it must be obtained through the Maine Electricians’ Examining Board by the responsible Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician. The Town’s process change does not eliminate or replace any State electrical permitting, licensing, or certification requirements.

Generators

Generator installations will be reviewed and permitted through the Town's building permit process.

Electrical work associated with the generator must be performed by a Maine-licensed Master Electrician or by a Limited Electrician whose license authorizes the specific electrical work being performed, in accordance with all applicable Maine licensing and supervision requirements.

- A building permit is required for the installation of a generator.
- Generator building permit is a flat fee of \$25.00.
- The Town will not issue a separate electrical permit for the generator.
- Electrical work must comply with Maine electrical licensing laws and be under the responsibility of a Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician, as applicable.
- Lot coverage, setbacks, and similar dimensional zoning requirements will not be reviewed as part of the generator permit where the generator is considered a utility.

Swimming Pools

Swimming pool permits will continue to be processed through the Town's building permit process. The pool permit application has been updated to collect the name and license information of the Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician responsible for electrical work associated with the pool. Electrical work associated with the pool must be performed by a Maine-licensed Master Electrician or by a Limited Electrician whose license authorizes the specific electrical work being performed, in accordance with all applicable Maine licensing and supervision requirements.

- The Town will not issue a separate electrical permit for pool electrical work.
- The Town will not perform an electrical inspection.
- Electrical work associated with the pool must comply with Maine electrical licensing laws, including applicable supervision requirements, and be under the responsibility of a Maine-licensed Master or Limited Electrician.
- Providing the electrician's information on the pool permit is for documentation purposes only and does not constitute issuance of an electrical permit by the Town.

Important Information for Applicants

Applicants are responsible for arranging required electrical work and obtaining any required State electrical permit or documentation. The Town's building permit process does not replace any licensing, supervision, permitting, or other requirements applicable to electrical work.