



**CITY OF LAKE STATION**  
**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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## **Service reconnects and meter set requirements:**

If electrical service has been shut off for a period of more than 90 days, Nipsco may require the City Electrical Inspector to inspect the service connections and equipment to insure safe operation.

This inspection will require you to apply for a permit and pay the \$30.00 service fee, and file an affidavit stating that you will not hold the city responsible for any problems beyond the service connections. (Affidavit forms are available in the building department.)

The inspector will look for, but not limit the inspection to the following:

1. The service mast (pole) to insure it is secure, straight, not rusted, cracked, dented, or otherwise unsafe and supplies adequate protection to the service wires inside.
2. The “weather head” (service entrance cap) to insure it is securely fastened and not cracked or may otherwise cut into the service wires.
3. The service wires to insure they are the proper size to handle the load, properly marked and installed, no cuts or cracks in the insulation. (NOTE: Aluminum wire is not required to be removed by the National Electric Code, but due to many problems aluminum wire has caused we strongly recommend doing this.)
4. The meter socket to insure a proper weather proof seal for the meter. Bent, rusted, or otherwise damaged meter socket boxes will not be connected by Nipsco.
5. Proper grounding and bonding of the service. This requires an 8 foot grounding rod and proper circuitry connected with approved fittings, a grounding circuit connected to the metal cold water line within 5 feet of the point the water enters the building. ( a bonding jumper must be installed around the water meter if it is inside the building.)
6. Service disconnect switch if installed. (Most homes do not have a disconnect switch)
7. Service panel (breaker or fuse box) to insure it is secure and properly enclosed. Service panels with wires hanging out, missing covers, open spaces or other unsafe conditions can not be approved.
8. Other obvious unsafe conditions will be noted.

### **NOTICE**

**TURN OFF ALL BREAKERS OR REMOVE ALL FUSES AND LEAVE OFF  
UNTIL SERVICE HAS BEEN RESTORED.**

Once service is restored turn on breakers or replace fuses one at a time starting with the MAIN first. If any breaker trips or fuse blows DO NOT try again but call a qualified electrician.

**HOUSE NUMBERS MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED**