



REQUIREMENTS: ELECTRICAL WIRING SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Stearns Electric Association requires an electrical wiring safety assessment for electric service that has been disconnected from Stearns Electric's distribution system before reconnection occurs. An assessment is required if services have been disconnected for 12 months or more, and where **no new electrical work has been performed that requires a Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Inspection**. New electrical work might include: new construction, remodeling, replacement or repair.

This assessment shall be performed by a Stearns Electric licensed electrician. While on-site, they will be confirming specific requirements.

REQUIREMENTS:

EXPOSED ELECTRICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT

- Thorough review of all visible service equipment.
- Verification of electrical connections for security, safety and lack of corrosion.
- Verification of grounding and bonding connections at the service entrance to ensure the service is properly grounded for safe re-energization.
- Assessment of external apparatus related to the service.

SERVICE DISCONNECTING MEANS

- Review of the exposed electrical equipment ending at the service disconnecting means.
- Verification that the service disconnects function correctly for safe operation.
- Service disconnect is to be left in the (OFF) position after assessment and shall not be closed by Stearns Electric personnel.

COMPLIANCE WITH INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Verify meter socket type is correct for the specific installation (ringless.)
- Confirm there is a disconnect prior to direct burial conductors.
- Confirm the meter socket is mounted outdoors at 4-6 feet above grade and is readily accessible with appropriate working clearances, (30-inch width and 36-inch depth).

SAFETY STATUS VERIFICATION

- Verification by a Stearns Electric licensed electrician that the wiring is safe for reconnection.
- Confirmation that no new electrical work (*new construction, remodeling, replacement or repairs*) has been performed that would necessitate an electrical inspection with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

TO SCHEDULE AN ASSESSMENT:

Fill out the Electric Wiring Safety Assessment Form and submit it to Stearns Electric Association.

- *A non-refundable assessment fee of \$200.00 is payable via check or cash prior to scheduling.*
- *Services where new electrical work has been performed as part of new construction, remodeling, replacement or repair require that a "Request for Electrical Inspection" be filed directly with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.*
- *The assessment performed by Stearns Electric is limited to the visible and accessible electrical equipment as described in the "Assessment Scope" section. This assessment does not constitute a comprehensive electrical system audit or guarantee the absence of all potential electrical hazards. Stearns Electric, its employees and agents shall not be held liable for any damage, injuries, or losses arising from pre-existing conditions, concealed defects or any electrical issues beyond the scope of this limited assessment. The member acknowledges and agrees that this assessment is for the sole purpose of assessing the safety of the service for reconnection and does not imply any warranty or guarantee of the entire electrical system's compliance with all codes or its future performance.*

FOR QUESTIONS:

Contact Stearns Electric's Energy Services department at (800) 962-0655.