



Bighorn Electric – Homeowner Electrical Tips

Helpful Electrical Tips Every Homeowner Should Know

Keep Your Home Safe & Efficient

Your electrical system powers everything you do — but it needs regular attention. Here are a few smart checks every homeowner should make:

- Test your GFCI outlets monthly. Press the “Test” and “Reset” buttons to ensure proper function in kitchens, bathrooms, and outdoors.
- Inspect outlet and switch plates. Replace immediately if you notice cracks, warmth, or discoloration.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Use power strips with surge protection instead of stacking multiple adapters.
- Know your breaker panel. Label circuits clearly and learn how to safely reset a breaker.
- Unplug devices you’re not using. It saves energy and reduces the chance of electrical fires.

Boost Efficiency & Cut Costs

- Replace older bulbs with LED lighting for energy savings.
- Install smart plugs or timers to manage exterior lighting.
- Use ceiling fans to improve air circulation — they help both heating and cooling systems work more efficiently.
- Upgrade aging wiring if your home is over 30 years old; it can improve performance and safety.

Stay Alert for Warning Signs

If you notice any of the following, call Bighorn Electric right away:

- Flickering or dimming lights
- Burning smells or sizzling sounds near outlets
- Frequent breaker trips or blown fuses

- Warm, buzzing, or discolored outlets
- Outdated two-prong plugs without ground protection

⚠️ Electrical issues rarely fix themselves — and can quickly become dangerous. Don't ignore the signs.

Simple Safety Habits

- Test smoke and CO detectors monthly.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and garage.
- Trim trees away from overhead lines.
- Don't run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Schedule a professional inspection every few years for peace of mind.

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