

Hopewell Township Emergency Power Restoration and Building Structural Inspection Procedures

This procedure is for electrical and mechanical requirements and emergency power restoration of flood damage dwellings and businesses. It is a guide line only and may change due to field conditions and other unforeseen conditions.

Contact the Municipal Construction office at 737-0612 in order to coordinate all mechanical and electrical inspection requirements before entering the building. The buildings are considered unsafe structures before the required inspections are performed

The following guidelines are for flooded basements : Owner must obtain the services of a NJ licensed electrical contractor to examine and take corrective measures to restore electrical panels, wiring, lighting, dryers, furnaces and similar appliances.

The Electrical contractor is to obtain a permit within 72 hours of work (fee's waived) but must provide a written formal resolution to the flooded equipment before inspection may be performed. No cut in cards (power restoration) will be issued until the following conditions are met.

Examples and Requirements:

- Step one** Obtain the services of a NJ licensed electrical contractor
- Step two** Provide formal report and obtain permit (permit within 72 hours)
- Step three** Electrical contractor must provide abatement of all water damage.
- Step four** Schedule and obtain a electrical inspection.

All breakers that have been immersed in water must be replaced, panels must be dried out and meter enclosures must be dried out before a electrical inspection may be provided.

Partial restorations:

Dry out and/or replace panel, dry out and/or replace meter Replace main breaker, remove all circuits from panel and install one ground fault protected receptacle for construction.

Submit and obtain permit (72 hours), provide formal report and obtain inspection approvals.

Exceptions: House that had no water damage to basement wiring, panels and equipment but, were disconnected due to block shut downs may be restored upon inspection that equipment was in fact not effected.

Gas and Oil Appliances:

Please contact Elizabethtown gas company in order to restore gas. **Gas appliances** require a professional mechanical contractor if the unit has been subject to water and mud etc. **Oil furnaces** will require a professional heating company to verify that they are suitable to put back in service.