

# POLICY

## EMERGENCY PERMITS

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## Purpose

From time to time the community requires support from Building Services when an emergency occurs, particularly when the event impacts multiple residences and businesses. These emergencies do not include safety assessments or Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES) engagement. To provide clarity in how the Building Services team can support the community in its time of need, this policy was developed to outline electrical and gas service re-connection practices after a weather-related event.

There are two types of emergencies for which the Building Services team can aid the community: weather related emergencies and individual circumstance emergencies.

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### WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES

When, due to Acts of God such as storm and/or weather-related events damage occurs to render electrical services or gas services inoperative at multiple residence or businesses, the necessary repairs may be done by licensed contractors prior to obtaining the necessary permits provided:

1. The building has not been damaged (for example, if a structure has collapsed or is in danger of collapse, reconnecting the gas or electrical will only facilitate the occupancy of a dangerous building-  
-and is not to occur until a proper assessment of the damage is made and necessary structural repairs are permitted, inspected and approved), **AND**
2. The contractor or the owner is unable to reach the county offices to obtain the permit, (for example, the roads may be closed, the owner or contractor may not have access to a vehicle, or the county offices may be closed, electronic systems are offline), **AND**
3. The contractor or owner obtains the necessary permits within one (1) working day after the weather emergency has passed. On a case-by-case basis if prior arrangements have been made with Building Services it may be appropriate to mail the application and accept payment by mail within five (5) business days, although most online services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to accept applications for permits including payment processing.

In the event the utility company requires an inspection tag of approval from the county inspector prior to re-connection, and the above conditions apply, the contractor/owner can call Building Services and provide the necessary information so the permit can be activated, and tag generated. An assigned technician will either create the proper permit or find the application and complete the necessary steps in Accela. After the permit is created, the assigned inspector shall schedule and result the appropriate inspection type(s) and "tag" any necessary utilities. Video inspection may be an option to assist with facilitating any field inspection.

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Within one (1) business day after the weather emergency, the contractor or owner must complete the application and pay the required permit fee.

In the event the electrical utility company performs the inspection to their satisfaction and re-connects the power and the above conditions apply, the contractor/owner must still obtain the required permits and the County must still perform the required inspections which may be a video inspection.

### **INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES EMERGENCIES**

When, due to individual circumstances, the loss of utility services (power/gas) poses a health and safety concern for individuals. Building services should conduct a safety assessment prior to any reconnection. The contractor/owner may submit for a permit online, at the Counter, or via mail. However, an inspection should occur prior to reconnection due to the single incident.






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