



RESIDENTIAL DWELLING CHECKLIST 2023 NEC **(ELECTRICAL SERVICE/SUBPANEL)**

*This checklist is a helpful guideline of common code requirements, but does not include all the requirements of the 2023 NEC.
2023 NEC revisions to this document in red.*

___NEC 230.24(B) – Overhead service conductors rated 600V or less shall have a minimum clearance of 10 Feet from final grade or surface, 12 feet over residential driveways, and 18 feet over public alleys.

___NEC 230.9(A) – Open overhead service conductors shall have a clearance of not less than 3 ft. from windows designed to open, doors, porches, balconies, decks, stairs, or similar.

___NEC 300.5(D) – Underground service conductors buried 18 in. or more below grade, shall have their location identified by a warning ribbon in the trench placed at least 12” above the installation.

___NEC 300.5(D)(1)&(4) – Underground service conductors emerging from grade, where subject to physical damage, shall be installed in rigid metal conduit, intermediate metal conduit, or Schedule 80 PVC conduit above grade to the point of termination. Direct burial cables shall be protected by a raceway at least 18” below grade.

___NEC 352.44(B) – PVC expansion fittings, for underground runs emerging from the ground, shall be provided above grade to compensate for earth movement, settling, and frost heave.

___Chapter 3 – Service raceway shall be securely fastened and supported per the wiring method used.

___NEC 300.7 – An approved material shall be used to seal raceways or sleeves passing from the exterior to the interior of a heated building to prevent condensation from entering service equipment.

___NEC 230.54(F) & (G) – Overhead service conductors shall be arranged so that water will not enter the service raceway. The point of attachment shall be located below the service head.

___NEC 230.53 – Service raceways, where exposed to weather, shall be suitable for wet locations, and arranged to drain.

___NEC 300.4(G) – Conductors 4 AWG or larger entering an enclosure through a raceway shall be protected by a bushing.

___NEC 110.14(D) – Equipment terminations that specify torque values on the equipment, or in the installation instructions, shall achieve the indicated torque value by an approved means.

___NEC 110.14 – Listed antioxidant compound shall be applied on aluminum conductor terminations unless manufacturer’s instructions state it is not required.

___NEC 225.41 and 230.85 – **Emergency Disconnect** – All service conductors and outside feeders to a one- and two- family dwelling shall terminate in a disconnecting means located in a readily accessible outdoor location within sight of the dwelling unit. The disconnecting means shall have a short-circuit current rating equal to, or greater than, the available fault current. The disconnect shall be labelled appropriately per NEC 225.41 & 230.85.

___NEC 230.85(C) – Replacement of service equipment (panelboard/disconnect) will now require the installation of an “Emergency Disconnect” as part of the installation, even if it is for the same ampacity.

___NEC 230.70(A)(1) – The service disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location either outside a building, or inside nearest the point of entrance of the service conductors.

___ NEC 230.70(A)(2) – The service disconnecting means shall not be located in a bathroom.

___ NEC 215.18, 225.42, and 230.67 – All dwelling unit services and feeders shall be provided with a surge-protective device (SPD). The SPD shall be Type 1 or Type 2, and shall be an integral part of the service equipment, or be located immediately adjacent to the service. It can also be located at the nearest downstream distribution equipment. If the SPD is for a feeder, the SPD shall be located at the distribution equipment on the load side of the feeder.

___ NEC 240.24(D) & (E) – Overcurrent devices (breakers/fuses) shall not be located in bathrooms or clothes closets.

___ NEC 240.4 – Conductors shall be protected against overcurrent in accordance with their ampacities specified in Table 310.15(B)(16) and 240.4(D). The maximum overcurrent current device (breaker/fuse) for most dwelling unit branch circuits is:

Fuse/Circuit Breaker	Copper (awg)	Aluminum (awg)
15 amp	14	-
20 amp	12	-
30 amp	10	8
40 amp	8	6
50 amp	6	4

___ NEC 110.3(B) – Overcurrent devices shall be listed for the panelboard they are installed in.

___ NEC 110.26(A) – The working space about electrical service panel/sub-panel shall be at least 3 ft. in front of the electrical panel. The width of the working space shall be 30" or greater, and the height of the space shall extend from the floor to 6 1/2 feet or the height of the panel, whichever is greater.

___ NEC 110.26(E) – The space equal to the width and depth of the panel and extending from the floor to 6 feet above the panel is dedicated to the electrical installation. No piping, ducts, or other non-electrical equipment shall be located in this space.

___ NEC 110.26(D) – Illumination shall be provided for the working space containing the electrical service/sub-panel.

___ NEC 210.4(B) – A means shall be provided (handle tie/2-pole breaker) to simultaneously disconnect all ungrounded conductors of a multi-wire branch circuits at the point the branch circuit originates.

___ NEC 200.2(B) – A grounded (neutral) conductor shall not depend on a connection through a metal panelboard enclosure.

___ NEC 230.62(C) – Barriers must be installed in service equipment so that no live service terminals or busbar are exposed to inadvertent contact. This requirement was relocated from 408.3(A)(2) and expanded to cover all service terminals/busbar.

___ NEC 408.41 – Within the electrical panelboard, each grounded conductor shall terminate on an individual terminal.

___ NEC 408.4 – Every circuit and circuit modification shall be legibly identified on the circuit directory as to its clear, evident, and specific purpose of use. The circuit directory can be located on the panel cover, or in an approved location adjacent to the panel.

___ NEC 408.7 & 110.12(A) – Unused openings for circuit breakers, and panelboard enclosure, shall be properly closed.

___NEC 250.50 – All grounding electrodes present at each building or structure shall be bonded together to form the grounding electrode system. Acceptable electrodes include metal underground water pipe, concrete encased electrode, a rod, pipe, or plate electrode, the metal frame of a building/structure, and a ground ring.

___NEC 250.50(exp.) – The concrete encased electrode, where present, on newly poured footings shall be connected to the grounding electrode system. The rebar in the footing shall be exposed if means have not been provided for this connection.

___NEC 250.53(D)(2) – Metal underground water pipe shall be supplemented with another acceptable electrode.

___NEC 250.68(C) – The connection of the grounding electrode conductor to the metal water piping system shall be located within 5 ft. of the water services entrance to the building.

___NEC 250.53(D)(1) – A bonding jumper shall be installed around the utility water meter where removal of the water meter opens the grounding electrode path of the water piping system.

___NEC 250.53(A)(2) – A single rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall be supplemented with an additional acceptable electrode listed in this article (metal underground water pipe is not part of this list). If the single rod, pipe, or plate electrode has a resistance of 25 ohms to earth or less, a supplemental electrode is not required.

___NEC 250.66 – The grounding electrode conductor at each building or structure shall be sized to Table 250.66, except as permitted. A rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall not be required to be larger than a 6 AWG copper wire. A concrete encased electrode conductor shall not be required to be larger than a 4 AWG copper wire.

___NEC 250.64(C) – Grounding electrode conductors shall be installed in a continuous length without a splice, unless the splice is of the irreversible type.

___NEC 250.24(A)(1) – The grounding electrode conductor shall be connected to the terminal or buss to which the grounded service conductor is connected at the service disconnect, or connected to the equipment grounding buss where the properly sized main bonding jumper is installed between the grounded terminal conductor buss and the equipment grounding terminal buss.

___NEC 250.64(D) – When a building has 2 or more service disconnects in separate enclosures (i.e. Duplex, Triplex), either a separate grounding electrode conductor sized in accordance with 250.66 can be installed to each service disconnect, or the use of a common grounding electrode tap outside the service disconnect enclosures with all GEC conductors properly sized to 250.66 can be used.

___NEC 250.28 – A main bonding jumper shall be installed at the service disconnect enclosure, the main bonding jumper shall be a wire, bus, screw, or similar.

___NEC 250.92 – All metal enclosures and conduit systems containing service conductors shall be bonded together. Standard locknuts or bushings shall not be considered a means of bonding the service raceway to the enclosure.

___NEC 250.94 – An intersystem bonding terminal shall be provided at the service disconnect or metering equipment location external to the enclosure. The terminal shall consist of at least 3 open terminals for other system bonding only.

___NEC 250.24(A)(5) – Sub-panels shall maintain separation between the grounded (neutral) conductors and the non-current carrying metal parts of equipment/grounding conductors.

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