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Clarification on Permitting, Services, and Emergency Disconnects

The following always requires a State Electrical Permit in State governed areas.

- All commercial buildings and services.
- Two family and above dwellings and apartment buildings.
- Standalone garages on any property without a single-family dwelling.
- Garages on a property with a single-family dwelling if garage is being used for a business. (If not sure call a State Inspector)
- Temporary Services, NOT permanent services being called a temporary.
- Pole mounted RV service.
- 2 or more meters on a building.
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No permits or single-family Certifications are needed for the following.

- Modular homes
- Manufactured homes (mobile homes) unless in a park.
- A detached garage at a dwelling if used for personal use.

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

The following applies to all single-family dwellings.

- A State electrical permit is **NOT** allowed to obtain power to a pole or pedestal mounted service for a dwelling unit. A Single-family certification needs to be signed, it cannot say **service only** on the paper, they need to certify the whole dwelling.
- A temporary service is just that (Temporary) i.e.; a tripod or the like for temporary power.

One- and two-family dwellings Emergency Disconnects.

- Emergency disconnects are now required on all **new** services and upgrades for One- and two-family dwellings. These must be located outside of the building. They can be on the building or on a pedestal near the building. We consider near to be within sight and 50 feet.
- The emergency disconnect is required for all service upgrades (total service replacement) and all new services. It is **NOT** required for repairs to a service, (broken meter housing, bad SE cable, broken riser, etc.;
- An Emergency disconnect is not required for adding a generator transfer switch if the service is not upgraded.

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