

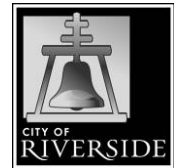
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❖ **ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGER INSTALLATION GUIDELINES** ❖

The purpose of this guideline is to assist homeowners and contractors in streamlining the permitting and installation process for home EV Charging Stations.

Be aware that there are different types of Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers. There are 2 basic types of EV chargers for home use (Level 1 and Level 2). Level 1 Chargers are smaller units that plug directly into a standard 120 volt receptacle outlet. These types of chargers typically require a longer period of time to recharge the vehicle. As long as the receptacle outlet being used to plug-in the Level 1 Charger is existing, there is no requirement to secure a permit from the Building and Safety Division. On the other hand, if you will be installing a new 120 volt receptacle outlet for the charger, you will need to obtain a permit – but you will not need to provide any plans or electrical load calculations as would be required for the more powerful Level 2 type charging systems.

A Level 2 EV Charging system requires 240 volt and charges the vehicle much faster than a Level 1 Charger. Level 2 Chargers installations require permits from the City. In order to obtain the permit you will need to provide the City with some basic information to show that your existing electrical service can handle the added load.

What information do I need to provide to the City in order to obtain the permit? The City of Riverside has developed this EV Charger Installation Guideline in order to streamline the permit and installation process. In most cases, you or your contractor merely needs to fill-in the blanks on this document, attach the manufacturer's installation instructions and charger specifications and submit it to the Building and Safety Division for an over-the-counter review and permit issuance. If all of the information is provided and the proposal complies with the applicable codes, the review and approval process will only take a few minutes. Once the permit is issued, the installation may begin. When the installation is complete an inspection of the work will be scheduled with the Building Inspector upon request. Inspections are typically performed on the work day following your request for inspection. Keep in mind that someone will need to be present during the inspection so that the Building Inspector can access the location of the EV Charger (typically in the garage).

Installing a Level 2 EV Charging system often requires changes to building wiring and utility electric services. Before installing charging equipment and associated infrastructure, talk to your EV manufacturer for information about what you need to charge your vehicle.

When installing your EV charger, be sure to use a licensed Electrical contractor whose license is current for electrical work. The contractor should also follow the guidelines of the manufacturer and the requirements of City of Riverside.

Why is the Electric Utility concerned about your EV charger installation?

Though an individual Level 2 EV charger may have a negligible impact on the utility electric system, the combined effect of several chargers in the same area could result in overloads on utility secondary wires and transformers. It is crucial that the City of Riverside is notified of any Level 2 Charging station installations to ensure that utility electrical system components are adequately sized to maintain high levels of service reliability. For more information, please contact Riverside Public Utilities at (951) 826-5489 or stop by their office at 3901 Orange Street, Riverside, California 92501.

LEVEL 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER - SERVICE LOAD CALCULATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Review the list of electrical loads in the table below and check all that exist in the home (don't forget to include the proposed Level 2 EV Charger). For each item checked, fill-in the corresponding "Watts used" (refer to the "Typical Usage" column for wattage information). Add up all of the numbers that are written in the "Watts Used" column. Write that number in the "Total Watts Used" box at the bottom of the table and proceed to the next page.

(Loads shown are rough estimates; actual loads may vary – for a more precise analysis, use the nameplate ratings for appliances and other loads and consult with a trained electrical professional.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check All Applicable Loads	Description of Load	Typical usage	Watts used
GENERAL LIGHTING AND RECEPTACLE OUTLET CIRCUITS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Multiply the Square Footage of House X 3	3 watts/sq. ft.	
KITCHEN CIRCUITS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Circuits	3,000 watts	3,000
	Electric oven	2,000 watts	
	Electric stove top	5,000 watts	
	Microwave	1,500 watts	
	Garbage Disposal under kitchen sink	1,000 watts	
	Automatic Dish washer	3,500 watts	
	Garbage Compactor	1,000 watts	
	Instantaneous hot water at sink	1500 watts	
LAUNDRY CIRCUIT			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laundry Circuit	1,500 watts	1,500
	Electric Clothes Dryer	4,500 watts	
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING CIRCUITS			
	Central Heating (gas) and Air Conditioning	6,000 watts	
	Window mounted AC	1,000 watts	
	Whole-house or attic fan	500 watts	
	Central Electric Furnace	8,000 watts	
	Evaporative Cooler	500 watts	
OTHER ELECTRICAL LOADS			
	Electric Water Heater (Storage type)	4,000 watts	
	Electric Tankless Water Heater	15,000 watts	
	Swimming Pool or Spa	3,500 watts	
	Other: <i>(describe)</i>		
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ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER CIRCUIT			
	Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charger rating*		
(Add-up all of the watts for the loads you have checked ✓) TOTAL WATTS USED →			

*Use name plate rating in watts or calculate as: (Ampere rating of circuit X 240 volts = Watts)

INSTRUCTIONS: Apply the ***Total Watts Used*** number from the previous page to the Table below to identify if the Existing Electrical Service Panel is large enough to handle the added electrical load from the proposed Level 2 EV Charger. If your electrical service is NOT large enough, then you will need to install a new upgraded electrical service panel.

Table based on NEC 220.83 (A).

✓Check the appropriate line	Total Watts Used	Minimum <u>Required</u> Size of Existing 240 Volt Electrical Service Panel (Main Service Breaker Size)	Identify the Size of Your <u>Existing</u> Main Service Breaker (Amps)**
	up to 24,000	60 amp	
	24,001 to 48,000	100 amps	
	48,001 to 63,000	125 amps	
	63,001 to 78,000	150 amps	
	78,001 to 108,000	200 amps	
	108,001 to 123,000	225 amp	

**Please note that the size of your Existing service MUST be equal to or larger than the Minimum Required Size identified in the Table above or a New Upgraded electrical service panel will need to be installed (separate permit required for new service).

CAUTION: This table is **NOT** to be used to determine the size of a ***NEW UPGRADED*** Electrical Service Panel if your existing panel is too small or overloaded according the Table above. In order to determine the size of a NEW or UPGRADED Service Panel, there is a completely different load calculation methodology that applies. Sizing of a NEW or UPGRADED Electrical Service Panel should only be done by a qualified Electrical Contractor or Electrical Engineer.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

By my signature, I attest that the information provided is true and accurate.

Job Address: _____
(Print job address)

Signature: _____ (Date)

(Signature of applicant)

In addition to this document, you will also need to provide a copy of the manufacturer’s installation literature and specifications for the Level 2 Charger you are installing.

Please note that this is a voluntary compliance alternative and you may wish to hire a qualified individual or company to perform a thorough evaluation of your electrical service capacity in lieu of this alternative methodology. Use of this electrical load calculation estimate methodology and forms is at the user’s risk and carries no implied guarantee of accuracy. Users of this methodology and these forms are advised to seek professional assistance in determining the electrical capacity of a service panel.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR EV CHARGER INSTALLATIONS:

The Table below illustrates the type and size of wire and conduit to be used for various Electric Vehicle Charger circuits.

Size of EV Charger Circuit Breaker	Required minimum size of Conductors (THHN wire)	Conduit Type and Size***		
		Electrical Metallic Tubing (EMT)	Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit – Schedule 40 (RNC)	Flexible Metal Conduit (FMC)
20 amp	#12	1/2"	1/2"	1/2"
30 amp	#12	1/2"	1/2"	1/2"
40 amp	#10	1/2"	1/2"	1/2"
50 amp	#8	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"
60 amp	#6	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"
70 amp	#6	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"

*****Based on 4 wires in the conduit (2-current carrying conductors, 1-grounded conductor, 1-equipment ground).**

As an alternate, Nonmetallic Sheathed Cable (aka: Romex Cable or NMC) may be used if it is protected from physical damage by placing the cable inside a wall cavity or attic space which is separated from the occupied space by drywall or plywood.

The Table below illustrates the required supports for various types of electrical conduit or cable.

Conduit Support	Electrical Metallic Tubing (EMT)	Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit – Schedule 40 (RNC)	Flexible Metal Conduit (FMC)	Nonmetallic Sheathed Cable (NMC)
Conduit Support Intervals	10'	3'	4-1/2'	4-1/2'
Maximum distance from box to conduit support	3'	3'	1'	1'

In addition to the above noted requirements, the California Electrical Code contains many other provisions that may be applicable to the installation of a new electrical circuit. Installers are cautioned to be aware of all applicable requirements before beginning the installation. For additional information or guidance, consult with the Building and Safety Division staff or a qualified and experienced Electrical Contractor.