

Many people aren't sure what to expect when it comes to hiring an electrician. Some of what you've heard is solid advice. But a few persistent myths can lead to bad decisions. Let's set the record straight.

### Misconception: "I Can Handle Most Electrical Work Myself"

While you can swap a light bulb, once you're dealing with wiring, panels, or circuits, it should be left to a licensed professional — both for safety and code compliance. Homeowner electrical modifications may void your insurance and fail inspection, and if you sell your home, unpermitted work becomes a liability.

### False: "All Electricians Charge About the Same"

Rates differ widely based on credentials, reputation, and business structure. The cheapest quote could signal substandard work or missing credentials. A fair price with a satisfaction promise is a smarter investment than a bargain with no recourse.

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### FAQ: "How Often Should I Have My Wiring Checked?"

Most experts recommend having your system evaluated every 3-5 years, or right away if you've just moved in. Homes over 25 years old warrant more regular checks. If you notice any of the symptoms — tripping breakers, flickering lights, warm outlets — call a licensed electrician right away.



### Myth: "A Power Strip Surge Strips Protect Your Entire Home"

A power strip can only protect individual appliances. For whole-home protection at the system level, you need a panel-mounted Surge Protector wired into your Electrical Panel. It needs to be set up by a licensed electrician — and it's one of

the most cost-effective investments in home protection.

FAQ: "Do I Need Permits for Electrical Work?"

In New Jersey, yes — for most work beyond changing a light fixture or outlet cover. Panel upgrades, new circuits, EV Charging installation — each of these triggers the permit process. A reputable contractor takes care of permits so you don't have to.

FAQ: "Can I Tell Whether My Electrician Is Properly Licensed?"

Start by asking for the number and verify it through New Jersey's licensing database. A licensed professional will share this willingly. If they dodge the question — move on.

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