Reconnecting Electrical Service

How do I reconnect an electrical service?

If an electrical service has been disconnected for any reason, the service provider (Seattle City Light or Puget Sound Energy) requires City inspection to restore service. Electrical inspections require an electrical permit. The following steps outline the process for obtaining a City of Burien electrical permit to reconnect electrical service.

1. The owner must secure the services of a **licensed electrical contractor** to conduct a Safety Inspection. That inspection should confirm either:
    a. The service is code compliant. **An electrical permit is required for the City's reconnection inspection**. OR
    b. The service is not code compliant. If the service requires other maintenance or repair in order to safely reconnect, the contractor must determine the scope of work required to restore the service to code compliant condition. **An electrical permit is required for scope of work.**

2. If the service was disconnected due to electrical safety concerns related to illegal work, fire, water damage, any reported safety issues with the premise wiring, or if the contractor finds undisclosed safety concerns, **the electrical contractor must include all work necessary to restore the premise electrical system to a safe and code complying condition in their scope of work.**

3. The electrical contractor must apply for an electrical permit and provide **(on business letterhead)** a written statement of findings**.** This statement will establish the scope of work for the electrical permit.

4. Once a permit is issued, the electrical contractor must perform the work described in the scope of work of the issued permit.

5. When repair work is complete, the contractor or property owner will schedule an electrical inspection through Mybuildingpermit.com.

6. **A City inspector will conduct an inspection** and either approve the work and sticker the service or provide a written list of corrections. If corrections are required, the electrical contractor must continue their work until the work is approved.