

Don't Overload Your Outlets!

When an outlet overloads, the circuit breaker trips, cutting the electric flow to that whole circuit. In the absence of a circuit breaker, the circuit wiring will overheat, making the wire insulation to melt, which can cause a fire. It can put a family, property, and the entire neighborhood at risk.



Dangerous Signs of an Overloaded Outlet

Warm or Hot Outlets

The wall plates are in place to protect your outlets and keep you safe from the electrical system. If you're finding discoloration or warmth around the outlet covers, this is a significant warning sign there is an overloaded circuit, and you need to call a professional immediately.

Dimming or Flickering Lights

If your lights start blinking, flickering, or dimming, this could indicate an overloaded circuit. This is an indicator that the lights are not getting enough electricity, so you may need a professional to determine adjustments that need to be made.

Buzzing Sounds

A low hum or a buzzing sound can indicate a problem with the circuit. The sounds may mean it is overloaded, or there is a problem inside the electrical panel.

Burning Smells

The burning smell could come from multiple issues, including damaged or exposed wiring, an overloaded circuit board, a fire, or wiring not installed professionally. This is a dangerous situation and needs to be addressed by an electrician as soon as possible.