

# Building a home?

## 1 Plan energy efficiency

Before beginning construction of your new home or cottage, consider energy efficient products and programs that will reduce your electricity usage and save you money in the long-term.

- For money saving tips, programs and home heating solutions, visit our [Residential Energy Solutions](#) webpage.
- Did you know that heat pumps are one of the best all-season options in Nova Scotia? To learn more, visit [www.heatpumpssetyoufree.ca](http://www.heatpumpssetyoufree.ca).

## 2 Before you call us

Before calling Nova Scotia Power to arrange for a site consultation, be sure to complete these steps:

- Apply for a [Municipal Building Permit](#)
- Hire a [certified electrician](#)
- Have your house location and driveway marked/staked
- Get approximate distance from closest power pole to house site
- Ask your contractor if you need temporary service (electricity for power tools during construction)

## 3 Call Nova Scotia Power to arrange for a site consultation

Call us at 1-800-428-6230 to book a free site consultation (scope). We will determine where to install powerlines and if there are additional costs based on your requirements. This call will cover setting up a new account and ordering a meter.

## 4 Wiring requirements

Your electrician is responsible for permits and inspections at different stages of construction, including:

- **Rough-in inspection:** checks the wiring before the walls are finished
- **Service entrance inspection:** checks the electrical equipment on your house (or underground)
- **Final inspection:** checks the finished work before fully connecting power

Any work identified in the site visit and during installation (i.e. tree trimming, easements, rock breaking, line extension payment, etc.) must be completed before power can be connected.

## 5 Your power is connected

After inspections and other requirements are done, your power will be fully connected.

## 6 After service connection is complete

- Sign up for E-Billing through [My Account](#)
- Learn about landscaping and [tree planting](#) near powerlines

## Contact Us

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