

As of October 1st, 2018 the 2014 National Electrical code was adopted by the state of Pennsylvania.

Below you will find the list of the major changes. This list does not reflect all of the changes implemented by the 2014 NEC.

Kitchens: Dishwasher and garbage disposal outlets must be GFI protected.

If the refrigerator is located within 6 feet of the kitchen sink, it must also be GFI protected; the GFI outlet cannot be behind the refrigerator.

Any outlet located within 6ft of the kitchen sink must be GFI protected. All kitchen countertop outlets must be GFI protected regardless of the sink location.

GFI protection for all of the outlets in a laundry room.

Arcfault Protection: Required for the kitchen, laundry room, along with bedrooms, hallways, living rooms, family rooms, dining rooms, mud rooms and etc..

Arcfault protection is not required for heaters, unfinished basements, bathrooms and garages.

Outdoor outlet enclosures and covers to be listed as "extra duty" type.

Provide a weep hole in any outdoor enclosure with no larger than a ¼" hole.

There are many more changes to the articles and definitions for the 2014 NEC, but these are the major residential changes implemented as of Oct.1st, 2018