

## CHAPTER 36

# SERVICES

### SECTION E3601 GENERAL SERVICES

**E3601.1 Scope.** This chapter covers service conductors and equipment for the control and protection of services and their installation requirements.

**E3601.2 Number of services.** One- and two-family dwellings shall be supplied by only one service.

**E3601.3 One building or other structure not to be supplied through another.** Service conductors supplying a building or other structure shall not pass through the interior of another building or other structure.

**E3601.4 Other conductors in raceway or cable.** Conductors other than service conductors shall not be installed in the same service raceway or service cable.

**Exceptions:**

1. Grounding conductors and bonding jumpers.
2. Load management control conductors having over-current protection.

**E3601.5 Raceway seal.** Where a service raceway enters from an underground distribution system, it shall be sealed in accordance with Section E3803.6.

**E3601.6 Service disconnect required.** Means shall be provided to disconnect all conductors in a building or other structure from the service entrance conductors.

**E3601.6.1 Marking of service equipment and disconnects.** Service disconnects shall be permanently marked as a service disconnect.

**E3601.6.2 Service disconnect location.** The service disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location either outside of a building or inside nearest the point of entrance of the service conductors. Service disconnecting means shall not be installed in bathrooms. Each occupant shall have access to the disconnect serving the dwelling unit in which they reside.

**E3601.7 Maximum number of disconnects.** The service disconnecting means shall consist of not more than six switches or six circuit breakers mounted in a single enclosure or in a group of separate enclosures.

### SECTION E3602 SERVICE SIZE AND RATING

**E3602.1 Ampacity of ungrounded conductors.** Ungrounded service conductors shall have an ampacity of not less than the load served. For one-family dwellings, the ampacity of the ungrounded conductors shall be not less than 100 amperes, 3 wire. For all other installations, the ampacity of the ungrounded conductors shall be not less than 60 amperes.

**E3602.2 Service load.** The minimum load for ungrounded service conductors and service devices that serve 100 percent of the dwelling unit load shall be computed in accordance with Table E3602.2. Ungrounded service conductors and service devices that serve less than 100 percent of the dwelling unit load shall be computed as required for feeders in accordance with Chapter 37.

**TABLE E3602.2  
MINIMUM SERVICE LOAD CALCULATION**

LOADS AND PROCEDURE
3 volt-amperes per square foot of floor area for general lighting and general use receptacle outlets.
<b>Plus</b>
1,500 volt-amperes multiplied by total number of 20-ampere-rated small appliance and laundry circuits.
<b>Plus</b>
The nameplate volt-ampere rating of all fastened-in-place, permanently connected or dedicated circuit-supplied appliances such as ranges, ovens, cooking units, clothes dryers not connected to the laundry branch circuit and water heaters.
<b>Apply the following demand factors to the above subtotal:</b>
The minimum subtotal for the loads above shall be 100 percent of the first 10,000 volt-amperes of the sum of the above loads plus 40 percent of any portion of the sum that is in excess of 10,000 volt-amperes.
<b>Plus the largest of the following:</b>
One-hundred percent of the nameplate rating(s) of the air-conditioning and cooling equipment.
One hundred percent of the nameplate rating(s) of the heat pump where a heat pump is used without any supplemental electric heating.
One-hundred percent of the nameplate rating of the electric thermal storage and other heating systems where the usual load is expected to be continuous at the full nameplate value. Systems qualifying under this selection shall not be figured under any other category in this table.
One-hundred percent of nameplate rating of the heat pump compressor and sixty-five percent of the supplemental electric heating load for central electric space-heating systems. If the heat pump compressor is prevented from operating at the same time as the supplementary heat, the compressor load does not need to be added to the supplementary heat load for the total central electric space-heating load.
Sixty-five percent of nameplate rating(s) of electric space-heating units if less than four separately controlled units.
Forty percent of nameplate rating(s) of electric space-heating units of four or more separately controlled units.
<b>The minimum total load in amperes shall be the volt-ampere sum calculated above divided by 240 volts.</b>

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**E3602.2.1 Services under 100 amperes.** Services that are not required to be 100 amperes shall be sized in accordance with Chapter 37.

**E3602.3 Rating of service disconnect.** The combined rating of all individual service disconnects serving a single dwelling unit shall not be less than the load determined from Table E3602.2 and shall not be less than as specified in Section E3602.1.

**E3602.4 Voltage rating.** Systems shall be three-wire, 120/240-volt, single-phase with a grounded neutral.

**SECTION E3603  
SERVICE, FEEDER AND GROUNDING ELECTRODE  
CONDUCTOR SIZING**

**E3603.1 Grounded and ungrounded service conductor size.** Conductors used as ungrounded service entrance conductors, service lateral conductors, and feeder conductors that serve as the main power feeder to a dwelling unit shall be those listed in Table E3603.1. The main power feeder shall be the feeder(s) between the main disconnect and the panelboard that supplies, either by branch circuits or by feeders, or both, all loads that are part of or are associated with the dwelling unit. The feeder conductors to a dwelling unit shall not be required to have an allowable ampacity greater than that of the service-entrance conductors that supply them. Ungrounded service conductors shall have a minimum size in accordance with Table E3603.1. The grounded conductor ampacity shall be not less than the maximum unbalance of the load and its size shall be not smaller than the required

minimum grounding electrode conductor size specified in Table E3603.1.

**E3603.2 Ungrounded service conductors for accessory buildings and structures.** Ungrounded conductors for other than dwelling units shall have an ampacity of not less than 60 amperes and shall be sized as required for feeders in Chapter 37.

**Exceptions:**

1. For limited loads of a single branch circuit, the service conductors shall have an ampacity of not less than 15 amperes.
2. For loads consisting of not more than two two-wire branch circuits, the service conductors shall have an ampacity of not less than 30 amperes.

**E3603.3 Overload protection.** Each ungrounded service conductor shall have overload protection.

**E3603.3.1 Ungrounded conductor.** Overload protection shall be provided by an overcurrent device installed in series with each ungrounded service conductor. The overcurrent device shall have a rating or setting not higher than the allowable service or feeder rating specified in Table E3603.1. A set of fuses shall be considered all the fuses required to protect all of the ungrounded conductors of a circuit. Single pole circuit breakers, grouped in accordance with Section E3601.7, shall be considered as one protective device.

**Exception:** Two to six circuit breakers or sets of fuses shall be permitted as the overcurrent device to provide

**TABLE E3603.1  
SERVICE CONDUCTOR AND GROUNDING ELECTRODE CONDUCTOR SIZING**

CONDUCTOR TYPES AND SIZES-THHN, THHW, THW, THWN, USE, RHH, RHW, XHHW, RHW-2, THW-2, THWN-2, XHHW-2, SE, USE-2 (Parallel sets of 1/0 and larger conductors are permitted in either a single raceway or in separate raceways)		SERVICE OR FEEDER RATING (AMPERES)	MINIMUM GROUNDING ELECTRODE CONDUCTOR SIZE <sup>a</sup>	
Copper (AWG)	Aluminum and copper-clad aluminum (AWG)	Maximum load (amps)	Copper (AWG)	Aluminum (AWG)
4	2	100	8 <sup>b</sup>	6 <sup>c</sup>
3	1	110	8 <sup>b</sup>	6 <sup>c</sup>
2	1/0	125	8 <sup>b</sup>	6 <sup>c</sup>
1	2/0	150	6 <sup>c</sup>	4
1/0	3/0	175	6 <sup>c</sup>	4
2/0	4/0 or two sets of 1/0	200	4 <sup>d</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>
3/0	250 kcmil or two sets of 2/0	225	4 <sup>d</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>
4/0 or two sets of 1/0	300 kcmil or two sets of 3/0	250	2 <sup>d</sup>	1/0 <sup>d</sup>
250 kcmil or two sets of 2/0	350 kcmil or two sets of 4/0	300	2 <sup>d</sup>	1/0 <sup>d</sup>
350 kcmil or two sets of 3/0	500 kcmil or two sets of 250 kcmil	350	2 <sup>d</sup>	1/0 <sup>d</sup>
400 kcmil or two sets of 4/0	600 kcmil or two sets of 300 kcmil	400	1/0 <sup>d</sup>	3/0 <sup>d</sup>

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- a. Where protected by a ferrous metal raceway, grounding electrode conductors shall be electrically bonded to the ferrous metal raceway at both ends.
- b. An 8 AWG grounding electrode conductor shall be protected with rigid metal conduit, intermediate metal conduit, rigid polyvinyl chloride (Type PVC) nonmetallic conduit, rigid thermosetting resin (Type RTRC) nonmetallic conduit, electrical metallic tubing or cable armor.
- c. Where not protected, 6 AWG grounding electrode conductor shall closely follow a structural surface for physical protection. The supports shall be spaced not more than 24 inches on center and shall be within 12 inches of any enclosure or termination.
- d. Where the sole grounding electrode system is a ground rod or pipe as covered in Section E3608.2, the grounding electrode conductor shall not be required to be larger than 6 AWG copper or 4 AWG aluminum. Where the sole grounding electrode system is the footing steel as covered in Section E3608.1.2, the grounding electrode conductor shall not be required to be larger than 4 AWG copper conductor.

the overload protection. The sum of the ratings of the circuit breakers or fuses shall be permitted to exceed the ampacity of the service conductors, provided that the calculated load does not exceed the ampacity of the service conductors.

**E3603.3.2 Not in grounded conductor.** Overcurrent devices shall not be connected in series with a grounded service conductor except where a circuit breaker is used that simultaneously opens all conductors of the circuit.

**E3603.3.3 Location.** The service overcurrent device shall be an integral part of the service disconnecting means or shall be located immediately adjacent thereto.

**E3603.4 Grounding electrode conductor size.** The grounding electrode conductors shall be sized based on the size of the service entrance conductors as required in Table E3603.1.

**E3603.5 Temperature limitations.** Except where the equipment is marked otherwise, conductor ampacities used in determining equipment termination provisions shall be based on Table E3603.1.

### SECTION E3604 OVERHEAD SERVICE AND SERVICE- ENTRANCE CONDUCTOR INSTALLATION

**E3604.1 Clearances on buildings.** Open conductors and multiconductor cables without an overall outer jacket shall

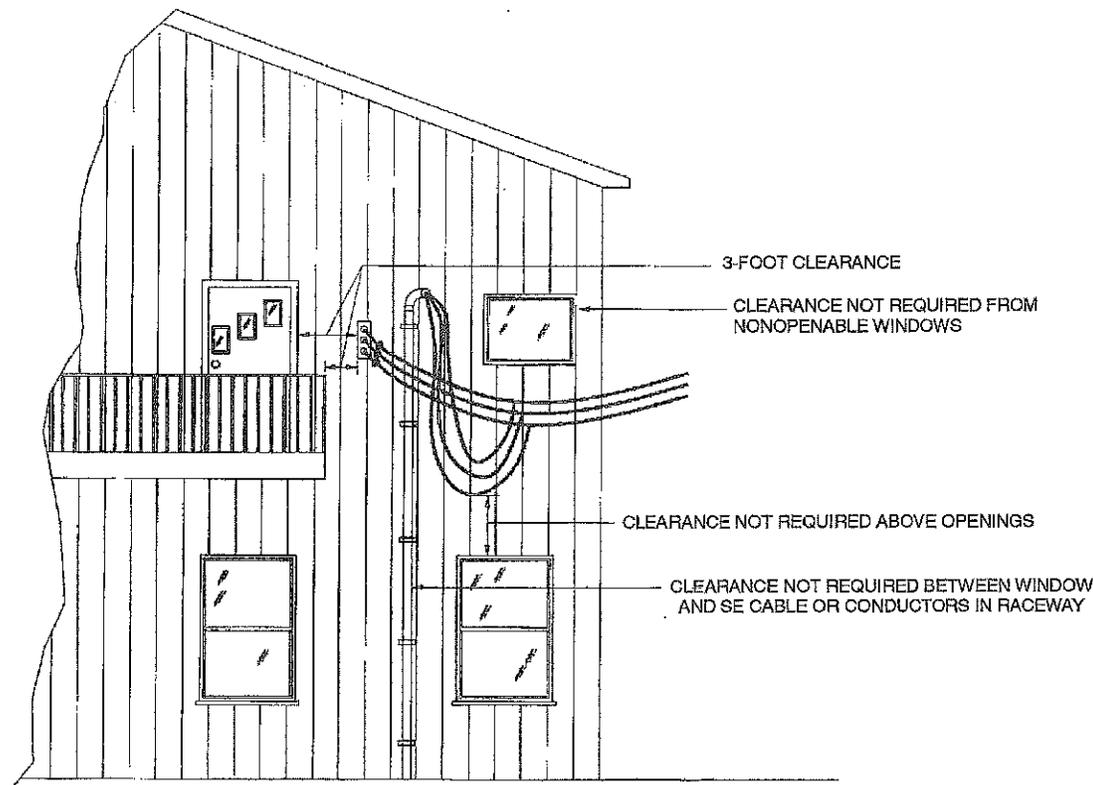
have a clearance of not less than 3 feet (914 mm) from the sides of doors, porches, decks, stairs, ladders, fire escapes and balconies, and from the sides and bottom of windows that open. See Figure E3604.1.

**E3604.2 Vertical clearances.** Overhead service conductors shall not have ready access and shall comply with Sections E3604.2.1 and E3604.2.2.

**E3604.2.1 Above roofs.** Conductors shall have a vertical clearance of not less than 8 feet (2438 mm) above the roof surface. The vertical clearance above the roof level shall be maintained for a distance of not less than 3 feet (914 mm) in all directions from the edge of the roof. See Figure E3604.2.1.

**Exceptions:**

1. Conductors above a roof surface subject to pedestrian traffic shall have a vertical clearance from the roof surface in accordance with Section E3604.2.2.
2. Where the roof has a slope of 4 inches (102 mm) in 12 inches (305 mm), or greater, the minimum clearance shall be 3 feet (914 mm).
3. The minimum clearance above only the overhanging portion of the roof shall not be less than 18 inches (457 mm) where not more than 6 feet (1829 mm) of overhead service conductor length



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FIGURE E3604.1  
CLEARANCES FROM BUILDING OPENINGS

passes over 4 feet (1219 mm) or less of roof surface measured horizontally and such conductors are terminated at a through-the-roof raceway or approved support.

4. The requirement for maintaining the vertical clearance for a distance of 3 feet (914 mm) from the edge of the roof shall not apply to the final conductor span where the service drop is attached to the side of a building.
5. Where the voltage between conductors does not exceed 300 and the roof area is guarded or isolated, a reduction in clearance to 3 feet (914 mm) shall be permitted.

**E3604.2.2 Vertical clearance from grade.** Overhead service conductors shall have the following minimum clearances from final grade:

1. For conductors supported on and cabled together with a grounded bare messenger wire, the minimum vertical clearance shall be 10 feet (3048 mm) at the electric service entrance to buildings, at the lowest point of the drip loop of the building electric entrance, and above areas or sidewalks accessed by

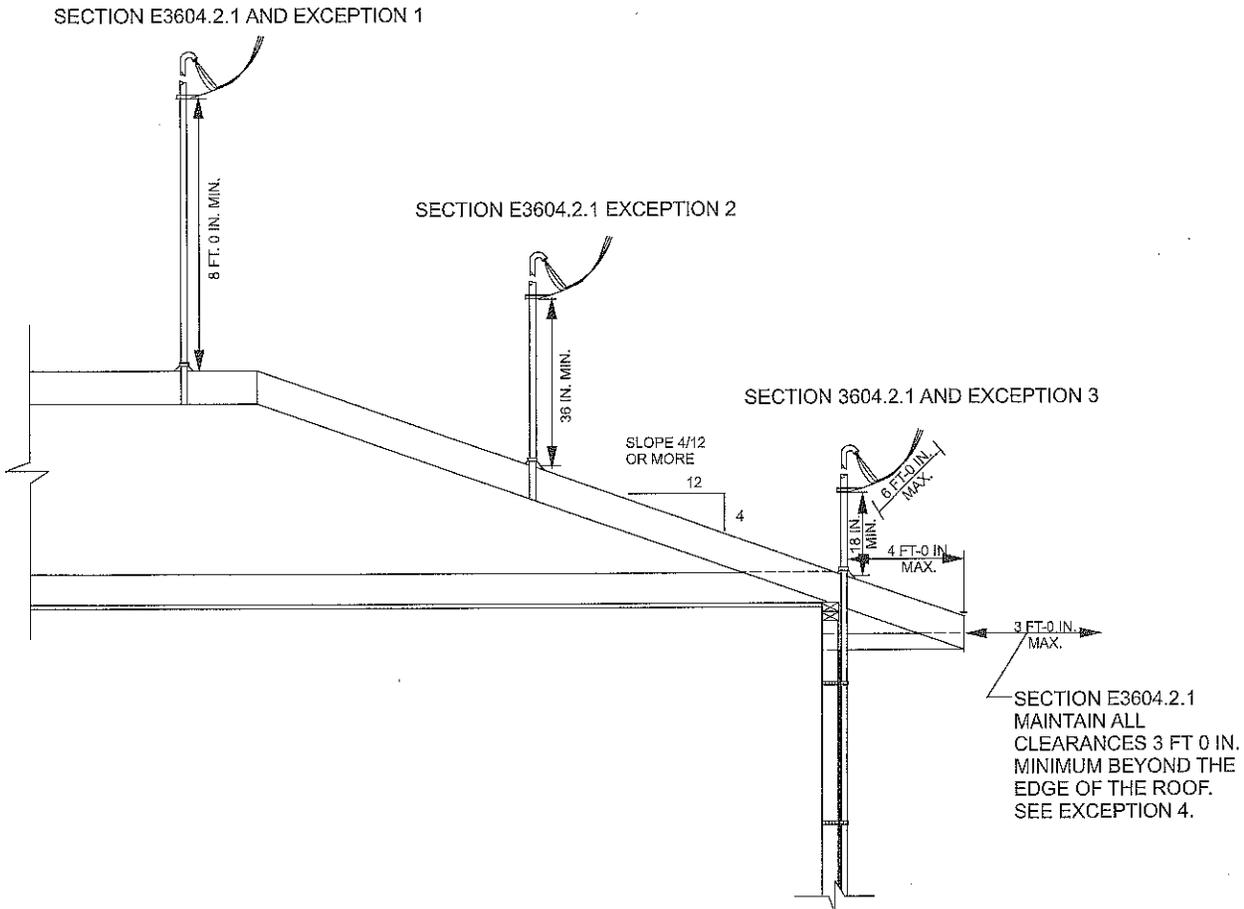
pedestrians only. Such clearance shall be measured from final grade or other accessible surfaces.

2. Twelve feet (3658 mm)—over residential property and driveways.
3. Eighteen feet (5486 mm)—over public streets, alleys, roads or parking areas subject to truck traffic.

**E3604.3 Point of attachment.** The point of attachment of the service-drop conductors to a building or other structure shall provide the minimum clearances as specified in Sections E3604.1 through E3604.2.2. In no case shall the point of attachment be less than 10 feet (3048 mm) above finished grade.

**E3604.4 Means of attachment.** Multiconductor cables used for overhead service conductors shall be attached to buildings or other structures by fittings approved for the purpose.

**E3604.5 Service masts as supports.** Where a service mast is used for the support of service-drop conductors, it shall be of adequate strength or be supported by braces or guys to withstand the strain imposed by the service drop. Where raceway-type service masts are used, all equipment shall be approved. Only power service drop conductors shall be permitted to be attached to a service mast.



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**FIGURE E3604.2.1**  
**CLEARANCES FROM ROOFS**

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trode shall not be required to be larger than 6 AWG copper or 4 AWG aluminum wire.

**E3608.4 Supplemental electrode required.** A single rod, pipe, or plate electrode shall be supplemented by an additional electrode of a type specified in Sections E3608.1.2 through E3608.1.6. The supplemental electrode shall be bonded to one of the following:

1. A rod, pipe, or plate electrode.
2. A grounding electrode conductor.
3. A grounded service-entrance conductor.
4. A nonflexible grounded service raceway.
5. A grounded service enclosure.

Where multiple rod, pipe, or plate electrodes are installed to meet the requirements of this section, they shall not be less than 6 feet (1829 mm) apart.

**Exception:** Where a single rod, pipe, or plate grounding electrode has a resistance to earth of 25 ohms or less, the supplemental electrode shall not be required.

**E3608.5 Aluminum electrodes.** Aluminum electrodes shall not be permitted.

**E3608.6 Metal underground gas piping system.** A metal underground gas piping system shall not be used as a grounding electrode.

## CHAPTER 39

# POWER AND LIGHTING DISTRIBUTION

### SECTION E3901 RECEPTACLE OUTLETS

**E3901.1 General.** Outlets for receptacles rated at 125 volts, 15- and 20-amperes shall be provided in accordance with Sections E3901.2 through E3901.11. Receptacle outlets required by this section shall be in addition to any receptacle that is:

1. Part of a luminaire or appliance;
2. Located within cabinets or cupboards;
3. Controlled by a wall switch in accordance with Section E3903.2, Exception 1; or
4. Located over 5.5 feet (1676 mm) above the floor.

Permanently installed electric baseboard heaters equipped with factory-installed receptacle outlets, or outlets provided as a separate assembly by the baseboard manufacturer shall be permitted as the required outlet or outlets for the wall space utilized by such permanently installed heaters. Such receptacle outlets shall not be connected to the heater circuits.

**E3901.2 General purpose receptacle distribution.** In every kitchen, family room, dining room, living room, parlor, library, den, sun room, bedroom, recreation room, or similar room or area of dwelling units, receptacle outlets shall be installed in accordance with the general provisions specified in Sections E3901.2.1 through E3901.2.3 (see Figure E3901.2).

**E3901.2.1 Spacing.** Receptacles shall be installed so that no point measured horizontally along the floor line of any wall space is more than 6 feet (1829 mm), from a receptacle outlet.

**E3901.2.2 Wall space.** As used in this section, a wall space shall include the following:

1. Any space that is 2 feet (610 mm) or more in width, including space measured around corners, and that is unbroken along the floor line by doorways and similar openings, fireplaces, and fixed cabinets.
2. The space occupied by fixed panels in exterior walls, excluding sliding panels.
3. The space created by fixed room dividers such as railings and freestanding bar-type counters.

**E3901.2.3 Floor receptacles.** Receptacle outlets in floors shall not be counted as part of the required number of receptacle outlets except where located within 18 inches (457 mm) of the wall.

**E3901.2.4 Countertop receptacles.** Receptacles installed for countertop surfaces as specified in Section E3901.4 shall not be considered as the receptacles required by Section E3901.2.

**E3901.3 Small appliance receptacles.** In the kitchen, pantry, breakfast room, dining room, or similar area of a dwelling

unit, the two or more 20-ampere small-appliance branch circuits required by Section E3703.2, shall serve all wall and floor receptacle outlets covered by Sections E3901.2 and E3901.4 and those receptacle outlets provided for refrigeration appliances.

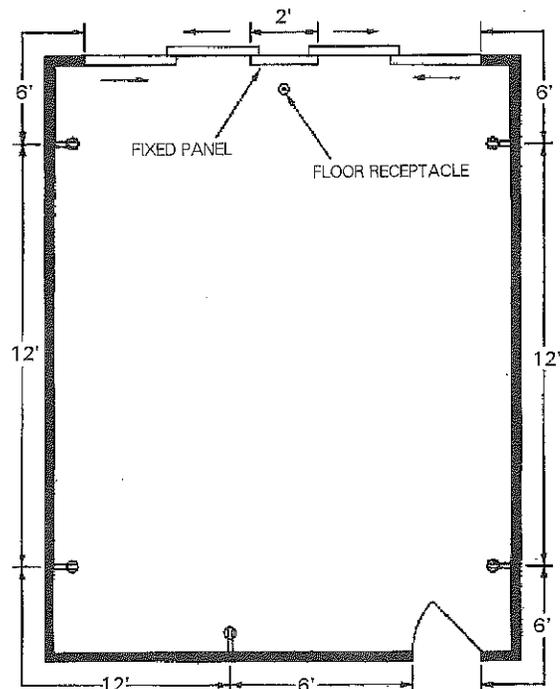
#### Exceptions:

1. In addition to the required receptacles specified by Sections E3901.1 and E3901.2, switched receptacles supplied from a general-purpose branch circuit as defined in Section E3903.2, Exception 1 shall be permitted.
2. The receptacle outlet for refrigeration appliances shall be permitted to be supplied from an individual branch circuit rated at 15 amperes or greater.

**E3901.3.1 Other outlets prohibited.** The two or more small-appliance branch circuits specified in Section E3901.3 shall serve no other outlets.

#### Exceptions:

1. A receptacle installed solely for the electrical supply to and support of an electric clock in any of the rooms specified in Section E3901.3.



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FIGURE E3901.2  
GENERAL USE RECEPTACLE DISTRIBUTION

2. Receptacles installed to provide power for supplemental equipment and lighting on gas-fired ranges, ovens, and counter-mounted cooking units.

**E3901.3.2 Limitations.** Receptacles installed in a kitchen to serve countertop surfaces shall be supplied by not less than two small-appliance branch circuits, either or both of which shall also be permitted to supply receptacle outlets in the same kitchen and in other rooms specified in Section E3901.3. Additional small-appliance branch circuits shall be permitted to supply receptacle outlets in the kitchen and other rooms specified in Section E3901.3. A small-appliance branch circuit shall not serve more than one kitchen.

**E3901.4 Countertop receptacles.** In kitchens pantries, breakfast rooms, dining rooms and similar areas of dwelling units, receptacle outlets for countertop spaces shall be installed in accordance with Sections E3901.4.1 through E3901.4.5 (see Figure E3901.4).

**E3901.4.1 Wall countertop space.** A receptacle outlet shall be installed at each wall countertop space 12 inches (305 mm) or wider. Receptacle outlets shall be installed so that no point along the wall line is more than 24 inches (610 mm), measured horizontally from a receptacle outlet in that space.

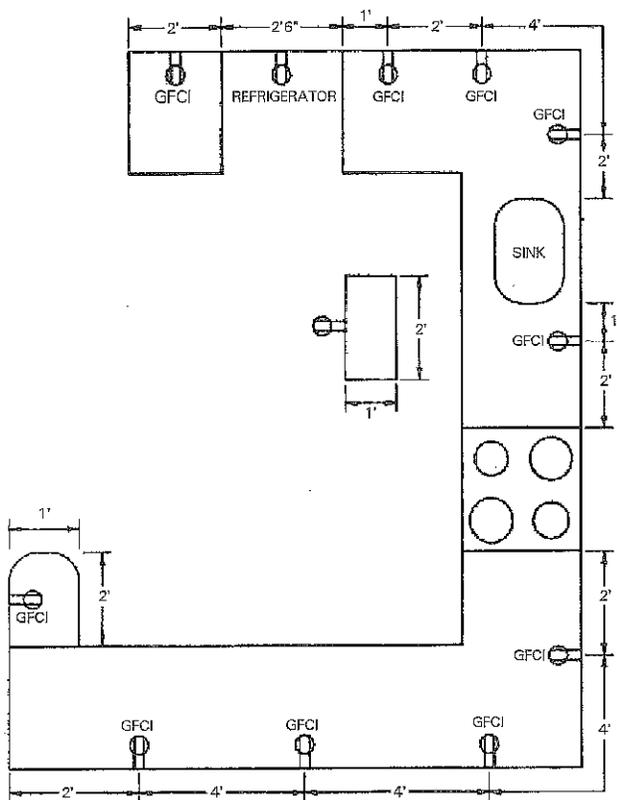
**Exception:** Receptacle outlets shall not be required on a wall directly behind a range, counter-mounted cook-

ing unit or sink in the installation described in Figure E3901.4.1.

**E3901.4.2 Island countertop spaces.** At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed at each island countertop space with a long dimension of 24 inches (610 mm) or greater and a short dimension of 12 inches (305 mm) or greater.

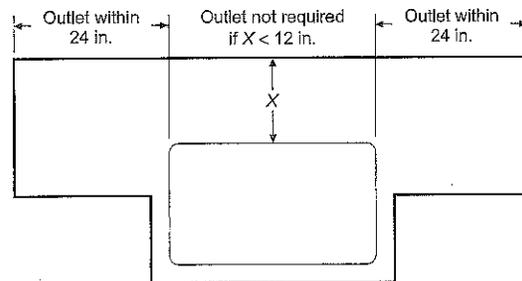
**E3901.4.3 Peninsular countertop space.** At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed at each peninsular countertop space with a long dimension of 24 inches (610 mm) or greater and a short dimension of 12 inches (305 mm) or greater. A peninsular countertop is measured from the connecting edge.

**E3901.4.4 Separate spaces.** Countertop spaces separated by range tops, refrigerators, or sinks shall be considered as separate countertop spaces in applying the requirements of Sections E3901.4.1, E3901.4.2 and E3901.4.3. Where a range, counter-mounted cooking unit, or sink is installed in an island or peninsular countertop and the depth of the countertop behind the range, counter-mounted cooking unit, or sink is less than 12 inches (305 mm), the range, counter-mounted cooking unit, or sink has divided the countertop space into two separate countertop spaces as defined in Section E3901.4.4. Each separate countertop space shall comply with the applicable requirements of this section.

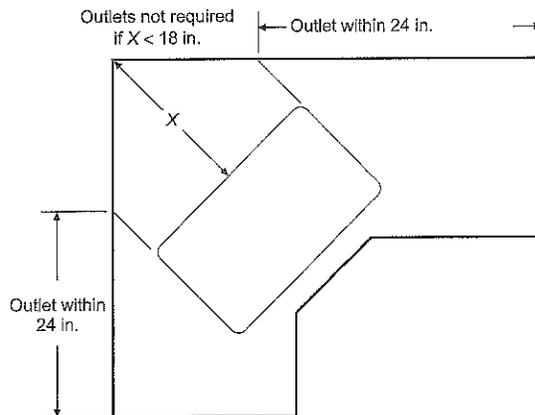


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**FIGURE E3901.4**  
**COUNTERTOP RECEPTACLES**



Sink, range or counter-mounted cooking unit extending from face of counter



Sink, range or counter-mounted cooking unit mounted in corner

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**FIGURE E3901.4.1**  
**DETERMINATION OF AREA BEHIND SINK OR RANGE**

**E3901.4.5 Receptacle outlet location.** Receptacle outlets shall be located not more than 20 inches (508 mm) above the countertop. Receptacle outlet assemblies installed in the countertop shall be listed for the application. Receptacle outlets shall not be installed in a face-up position in the work surfaces or countertops. Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance garages, sinks or rangetops as addressed in the exception to Section E3901.4.1, or appliances occupying dedicated space shall not be considered as these required outlets.

**Exception:** Receptacle outlets shall be permitted to be mounted not more than 12 inches (305 mm) below the countertop in construction designed for the physically impaired and for island and peninsular countertops where the countertop is flat across its entire surface and there are no means to mount a receptacle within 20 inches (508 mm) above the countertop, such as in an overhead cabinet. Receptacles mounted below the countertop in accordance with this exception shall not be located where the countertop extends more than 6 inches (152 mm) beyond its support base.

**E3901.5 Appliance receptacle outlets.** Appliance receptacle outlets installed for specific appliances, such as laundry equipment, shall be installed within 6 feet (1829 mm) of the intended location of the appliance.

**E3901.6 Bathroom.** At least one wall receptacle outlet shall be installed in bathrooms and such outlet shall be located within 36 inches (914 mm) of the outside edge of each lavatory basin. The receptacle outlet shall be located on a wall or partition that is adjacent to the lavatory basin location, located on the countertop, or installed on the side or face of the basin cabinet not more than 12 inches (305 mm) below the countertop.

Receptacle outlets shall not be installed in a face-up position in the work surfaces or countertops in a bathroom basin location. Receptacle outlet assemblies installed in countertops shall be listed for the application.

**E3901.7 Outdoor outlets.** At least one receptacle outlet that is accessible while standing at grade level and located not more than 6 feet, 6 inches (1981 mm) above grade, shall be installed outdoors at the front and back of each dwelling unit having direct access to grade. Balconies, decks, and porches that are accessible from inside of the dwelling unit shall have at least one receptacle outlet installed within the perimeter of the balcony, deck, or porch. The receptacle shall be located not more than 6 feet, 6 inches (1981 mm) above the balcony, deck, or porch surface.

**E3901.8 Laundry areas.** At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed to serve laundry appliances.

**E3901.9 Basements, garages and accessory buildings.** At least one receptacle outlet, in addition to any provided for specific equipment, shall be installed in each basement and in each attached garage, and in each detached garage or accessory building that is provided with electrical power. Where a portion of the basement is finished into one or more habitable room(s), each separate unfinished portion shall have a receptacle outlet installed in accordance with this section.

**E3901.10 Hallways.** Hallways of 10 feet (3048 mm) or more in length shall have at least one receptacle outlet. The hall length shall be considered the length measured along the centerline of the hall without passing through a doorway.

**E3901.11 Foyers.** Foyers that are not part of a hallway in accordance with Section E3901.10 and that have an area that is greater than 60 ft<sup>2</sup> (5.57 m<sup>2</sup>) shall have a receptacle(s) located in each wall space that is 3 feet (914 mm) or more in width and unbroken by doorways, floor-to-ceiling windows, and similar openings.

**E3901.12 HVAC outlet.** A 125-volt, single-phase, 15- or 20-ampere-rated receptacle outlet shall be installed at an accessible location for the servicing of heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. The receptacle shall be located on the same level and within 25 feet (7620 mm) of the heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. The receptacle outlet shall not be connected to the load side of the HVAC equipment disconnecting means.

**Exception:** A receptacle outlet shall not be required for the servicing of evaporative coolers.

## SECTION E3902 GROUND-FAULT AND ARC-FAULT CIRCUIT- INTERRUPTER PROTECTION

**E3902.1 Bathroom receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles installed in bathrooms shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

**E3902.2 Garage and accessory building receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- or 20-ampere receptacles installed in garages and grade-level portions of unfinished accessory buildings used for storage or work areas shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

**E3902.3 Outdoor receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles installed outdoors shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

**Exception:** Receptacles as covered in Section E4101.7.

**E3902.4 Crawl space receptacles.** Where a crawl space is at or below grade level, all 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles installed in such spaces shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

**E3902.5 Unfinished basement receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles installed in unfinished basements shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel. For purposes of this section, unfinished basements are defined as portions or areas of the basement not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas, and the like.

**Exception:** A receptacle supplying only a permanently installed fire alarm or burglar alarm system.

**E3902.6 Kitchen receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles that serve countertop surfaces shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

**E3902.7 Sink receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles that are located within 6 feet

(1829 mm) of the outside edge of a sink that is located in an area other than a kitchen, shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel. Receptacle outlets shall not be installed in a face-up position in the work surfaces or countertops.

**E3902.8 Boathouse receptacles.** All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- or 20-ampere receptacles installed in boathouses shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

**E3902.9 Boat hoists.** Ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel shall be provided for 240-volt and less outlets that supply boat hoists.

**E3902.10 Electrically heated floors.** Ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel shall be provided for electrically heated floors in bathrooms, kitchens and in hydromassage bathtub, spa and hot tub locations.

**E3902.11 Location of ground-fault circuit interrupters.** Ground-fault circuit interrupters shall be installed in a readily accessible location.

**E3902.12 Arc-fault circuit-interrupter protection.** All branch circuits that supply 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere outlets installed in family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreations rooms, closets, hallways and similar rooms or areas shall be protected by a combination type arc-fault circuit interrupter installed to provide protection of the branch circuit.

**Exception:**

1. Where an outlet branch-circuit type AFCI is installed at the first outlet to provide protection for the remaining portion of the branch circuit, the portion of the branch circuit between the branch-circuit overcurrent device and the first outlet shall be installed with metal outlet and junction boxes and RMC, IMC, EMT, type MC, or steel armored type AC cables meeting the requirements of Section E 3908.8.
2. Where an outlet branch-circuit type AFCI is installed at the first outlet to provide protection for the remaining portion of the branch circuit, the portion of the branch circuit between the branch-circuit overcurrent device and the first outlet shall be installed with metal or nonmetallic conduit or tubing that is encased in not less than 2 inches (51 mm) of concrete.
3. AFCI protection is not required for an individual branch circuit supplying only a fire alarm system where the branch circuit is wired with metal outlet and junction boxes and RMC, IMC, EMT or steel-sheathed armored cable Type AC, or Type MC meeting the requirements of Section E3908.8.

**E3902.13 Arc-fault circuit interrupter protection for branch circuit extensions or modifications.** Where branch-

circuit wiring is modified, replaced, or extended in any of the areas specified in Section E3902.12, the branch circuit shall be protected by one of the following:

1. A combination-type AFCI located at the origin of the branch circuit
2. An outlet branch-circuit type AFCI located at the first receptacle outlet of the existing branch circuit.

### SECTION E3903 LIGHTING OUTLETS

**E3903.1 General.** Lighting outlets shall be provided in accordance with Sections E3903.2 through E3903.4.

**E3903.2 Habitable rooms.** At least one wall switch-controlled lighting outlet shall be installed in every habitable room and bathroom.

**Exceptions:**

1. In other than kitchens and bathrooms, one or more receptacles controlled by a wall switch shall be considered equivalent to the required lighting outlet.
2. Lighting outlets shall be permitted to be controlled by occupancy sensors that are in addition to wall switches, or that are located at a customary wall switch location and equipped with a manual override that will allow the sensor to function as a wall switch.

**E3903.3 Additional locations.** At least one wall-switch-controlled lighting outlet shall be installed in hallways, stairways, attached garages, and detached garages with electric power. At least one wall-switch-controlled lighting outlet shall be installed to provide illumination on the exterior side of each outdoor egress door having grade level access, including outdoor egress doors for attached garages and detached garages with electric power. A vehicle door in a garage shall not be considered as an outdoor egress door. Where one or more lighting outlets are installed for interior stairways, there shall be a wall switch at each floor level and landing level that includes an entryway to control the lighting outlets where the stairway between floor levels has six or more risers.

**Exception:** In hallways, stairways, and at outdoor egress doors, remote, central, or automatic control of lighting shall be permitted.

**E3903.4 Storage or equipment spaces.** In attics, under-floor spaces, utility rooms and basements, at least one lighting outlet shall be installed where these spaces are used for storage or contain equipment requiring servicing. Such lighting outlet shall be controlled by a wall switch or shall have an integral switch. At least one point of control shall be at the usual point of entry to these spaces. The lighting outlet shall be provided at or near the equipment requiring servicing.