

Happy Customers!

Our clients love us because of the wonderful work we do for them. Recently we installed a new Sauna for 7 Notes Natural Health in Ann Arbor.

Below is his raving review of our services. How can we help you or your business?

“THANK YOU again for the amazing speedy service. Our sauna arrived Friday and we have installed it!!! We had our first client in it this morning! YAY! - Rob Meyer-Kukan”



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Booking An Appointment With An Electrician. What you need to know

First of all, let us address whether or not to book the appointment. It has become popular to cut costs by doing improvements yourself. Electrical work is one area that is most certainly, best left to the professionals. No savings could ever be worth the risk of fire, injury or death, either immediately or later on.

It is important to remember that most electrical work must be done by a licensed electrician by law, such as connecting wires to a main power supply.

Knowing these basic principles, has, most likely, prompted you to play it safe and call an electrician. It is understandable that you may be concerned about the cost. However, hiring a professional electrician can save you money, time and liability in the long run.

Having the work done correctly, safely and legally will protect your project, health, assets and sanity.

Calculating the costs of hiring an electrician include the following considerations:

The Service Charge

Electricians typically charge a service charge for the initial consultation. This charge usually covers their expenses for going to your home and assessing the work needing to be done. The service charge does not cover any of the work that is to be done. Generally, it will result in a free quote or estimate on the work that is to be done.

As a homeowner you can either choose to accept the quote or you can continue looking for quotes from other electricians. You will especially want to do this if the quote seems very high.

If you decide to keep looking for other quotes, know that you will continue to pay their service fees also.

Hourly Rate

When you have selected your electrician, it is important to know how the electrician charges. So, the next charge you will factor in is the electrician's hourly rate. While some electrician's charge on a per-project basis, it is not uncommon for an electrician to charge an hourly rate.

Electrician's hourly rates depend on their experience and licensure. Some electricians may be Master Electricians whereas others may be Apprentices. Hourly rates for electrician range from \$50 to \$100 per hour.

It is best to know how your electrician charges before signing the contract. If they charge an hourly rate, then ask if you can get a fixed rate based on how long the job will take. If the job takes longer, know that you could end up paying more.

If they charge a fixed rate for the project, then this may be the better option. Ask if the electrician can also guarantee this rate or if there is a chance of additional charges.

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Have Some Fun!

Spring weather can be tricky in Michigan. While everyone is so excited to get outside, we know that the weather doesn't always cooperate. Here's a list of indoor and outdoor activities that will make your April a fun filled month.

"Apollo When We Went to the Moon" at The Henry Ford Museum, Feb. 19-May 8, 2022. Featuring 100 objects and artifacts from the archives of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., you can learn how the space race inspired generations of Americans to reach for the stars.

Grand Slam Festival 2022 - Detroit, Detroit Music Hall Amphitheater Outdoor Party, Friday, April 8, 2022 10:00 AM-10:00 PM. 350 Madison Street, Detroit, MI. Heralding as "The BIGGEST Opening Day Party in Detroit!" Sports - Eats - Beats. TIGERS vs. WHITE SOX, DJs, Beer Tents, Full Bar, Food, Music, Games & Much More!

Turkeyville Easter Egg Hunt, April 16, 2022, Cornwell's Turkeyville, Marshall, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Free! Fun Michigan Easter Event!

Bringin' Back the 80's Festival, Frankenmuth, MI April 22-23, 2022, Fri: 6pm-midnight | Sat: 6pm-midnight. Rock the night away with 80's music, trends and events. Peg your stonewashed jeans, tease your hair, and grab your friends...



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Specific Project

Each project is different. This is why it is especially important to have an electrician assess the work that is to be done beforehand. This will result in more accurate estimates so the bill doesn't come as a surprise. Smaller jobs, such as adding an outlet will cost less than rewiring your home.

Most of the time small jobs like installing standard outlets and heavy duty outlets cost about \$100 each for about a half hour of work. Installing new light switches cost about \$70 each.

If you are in need of an outlet panel for heavy duty outlets. Then expect to pay about \$650. For every project completed, the electrician will also need to charge you for the materials they use, such as electrical wire and faceplates and covers.

These figures will vary depending on the company and electrician you are working with. Average costs provide you with a basis for comparison, however so that you can know if you are being overcharged or are getting a great deal.

When looking at the estimate, make sure to thoroughly read the breakdown of costs. This can help you save money in the long run, especially if the electrician seems to be charging more than usual for the materials.

If this is the case, ask if the electrician can use less expensive materials or if they would be able to purchase the item in bulk to get a discount.

Scope of project

It is the best practice to have all electrical work

needing to be done at the same time. This will reduce your overall charges and costs.

The scope of the project or projects also effect the costs of hiring an electrician. If multiple outlets are needing to be replaced, switches and rewiring then this will significantly increase your bill.

If your home is large and requires additional hours to complete the work, then this could also factor in to the cost.

Not all houses are built the same. Older homes, for example will be much different to work on than a newly built home. Sometimes the size, age and structural components of a home can affect the cost of hiring an electrician.

Keep in mind that any costs that you find online will simply be average estimates. The cost to complete the work on your home could be more or less.

How Much Does an Electrician Cost?

Answering the question, "How much does an electrician cost?" all depends on the job at hand, the electrician and the complexity of the work desired. The best way to ascertain how much the average cost of your specific project is, would be to shop around for electricians and get multiple quotes.

Knowing the breakdown of these costs and fees will help you to hire the electrician best suited to your project and budget.

If you are ready to hire an electrician contact Ashcott Electrical at <https://ashcottelectrical.com/contact/> or give us a call (734) 449-0553.