ELECTRICAL ISSUES

Troubleshooting Maintenance

Electrical problems may be caused by a tripped GFI outlet. Be sure you look behind all of your small appliances. If you find a tripped outlet, make sure the "reset" (top) button is pressed in. If the GFCI receptacle is working properly, pushing the "test" (bottom) button will cause the top button to pop out. You should hear a sharp "click" upon pressing the test button.

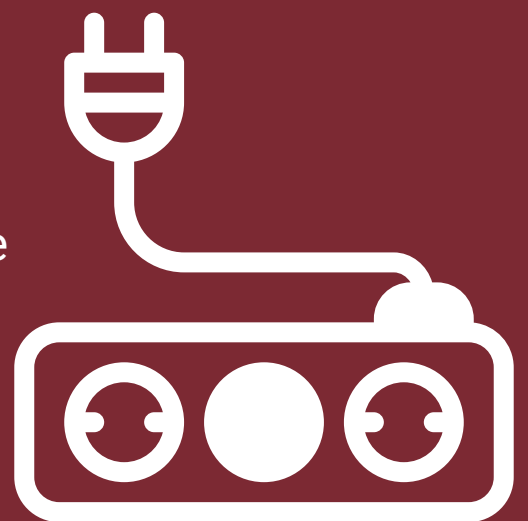Here are some other electrical troubleshooting ideas.

UNPLUG AND TURN OFF

Turn off all lights and unplug a few appliances in the room or rooms that have lost power. If you recently added a new appliance to the room, like a vacuum, make sure you unplug it because there's a good chance this is the culprit. If you've overloaded the circuit, it's possible to blow your fuse or breaker all over again once you restore power!

CHECK THE BREAKER

Locate your electrical panel. It's usually found in the basement or in a utility room. Always use caution; make sure your hands are dry and you are standing on a dry surface.

Look for a breaker that has moved from the "on" position to the "off" position, or is halfway between the two. First, move the breaker to the full "off" position, and then move it to the full "on" position again. This will restore power to that circuit.

NEXT STEPS

Plug in 1-2 electrical appliances and turn them on to test your new fuse or reset breaker. If the outlet loses power again, it's possible that you are using too many amps for the fuse or breaker and need to move some appliances around.

If this is not the case, it may be a sign of a more serious electrical problem, and you should submit a maintenance request for our electrician to take a look.