

Appliances that do not require a distribution box

Article Overview

Certain home appliances and fixtures can be installed without a distribution box because they have built-in enclosures or operate on low power.

Home Appliances and Fixtures

Some electrical devices are designed with self-contained housings, meaning their wiring is safely enclosed and does not require a separate junction box. Examples include:

- Wall-mounted heaters: Compact heating units for small spaces that contain their own wiring enclosure .
- Baseboard heaters: Zone heating systems that are easy to install without a dedicated box .
- Bathroom vent fans: Small exhaust fans often wired to existing light switches .
- Garbage disposals: Can be wired through a GFCI outlet without a junction box .
- Recessed lights: These fixtures usually include their own wiring compartment .
- Tube-style light fixtures: Energy-efficient lighting that can use existing wiring .

These appliances typically operate at low voltage or under 100 watts, which reduces the need for a separate electrical enclosure.

Small Kitchen Appliances

Many portable or countertop kitchen appliances do not require a dedicated circuit or distribution box. These include:

- Toaster ovens, coffee makers, hot plates, and power tools: Designed to operate on shared household circuits .
- Blenders, stand mixers, waffle makers, and food processors: Can be plugged into standard outlets without a dedicated box . It is important to note that while these appliances do not require a distribution box, overloading a shared circuit with multiple high-wattage devices can create hazards .

Safety Considerations

- Appliances with plastic or non-conductive casings (Class II devices) do not require grounding or a distribution box because they have double insulation, reducing the ri...

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For example, a 1,800-watt hair dryer that is used for a few minutes may not require a

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Large cooking appliances are another clear-cut case. An electric range, a wall oven, or a separate cooktop are some

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Because large appliances and heat-producing devices typically require higher wattage to

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Does each appliance need its own circuit?

The National Electrical Code requires that every large appliance be served by a separate, dedicated circuit, not shared with any

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Metal boxes are required when using metal raceways to run wiring, both as an anchor for the conduit and to ground the

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