

# CURRENT ELECTRIC

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*Our experience with upgrading of older homes*

In many older homes, there exists cloth-covered wire with rubber conductors. This wiring is completely safe if left untouched. However, in simple upgrades such as a change of receptacle or a change out of a dimmer, issues can arise. The rubber conductors can cause a chain reaction wherein the wire within conduit can break or burn from one outlet box to the next. This can cause the need for re-wiring of the electrical outlets.

On the up side, most older homes if not overly re-modeled have relatively few outlets compared with newer homes.

Another a common occurrence is buried outlet boxes for old sconces that have been plastered over and over again. Finding these buried boxes can be time consuming. Then, once they are found plaster must be removed.

These situations of unknown work complicated by the fact that there are rarely any plans available require that work be completed on a time and material basis.