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Is a permanent power outlet necessary?

For lighting, lawn tools used on a regular basis, or power needs for outbuildings, you need a permanent power solution for safety. This can involve an outdoor outlet addition to your home's main structure, or wiring run remotely to an outbuilding.

Do I need a GFCI outlet if I run power outside?

When running power outside, a GFCI-equipped outlet is required by code in all areas exposed to moisture, such as the outdoors, and ensures safety. When adding an outdoor outlet, be sure to choose an outdoor-rated, weatherproof model with built-in, high-sensitivity GFCI.

How do I choose an outdoor outlet?

When choosing an outdoor outlet, be sure to select an outdoor-rated and weatherproof model with built-in, high-sensitivity GFCI\. All exterior outlets should have spring-loaded covers to protect them from weather, pests, and most importantly, moisture.

Can an indoor extension cord be used outside?

Indoor extension cords should not be used outside. Never leave even an outdoor extension cord outside more than a day or two. Leaving an extension cord outside for extended periods can cause the materials to breakdown, potentially resulting in sparking, fire, and shock. Always follow outdoor electrical precautions.

Where do you plug outdoor extension cords into a GFCI outlet?

For safety, always plug outdoor extension cords into a GFCI outlet. These can be identified by TEST/RESET buttons and are typically found in the kitchen, bath, and garage. These devices protect your family from shock in the event the cord is exposed to water.



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