

Why Is There A Burning Smell From An Outlet?

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The smell of something burning inside your home can be extremely alarming. It can be even more frightening if you can't quickly find the source of the burning odor. If you smell a burning odor in your house, it is obviously a potentially catastrophic mistake to simply ignore it.

If there may be a burning odor from an electrical outlet in your home, you will need to perform your own urgent fire safety inspection to assess the situation immediately. That's the only sure way to be completely confident that you have the correct diagnosis of the problem and the appropriate solution for it.

If you suspect that an outlet is burning in your New Jersey home and cannot identify and correct the problem at its source, contact DK Electrical Solutions. One of our certified Master Electricians will promptly inspect your home to locate the source of the problem and provide an electrical outlet repair.

Why An Outlet Has a Burning Odor

First, turn off the electricity in the area of your home where the burning odor is present. Inspect each electrical outlet until you find the one that is emitting the burning odor. The odor may be like a burning plastic smell in house outlets. After you discover which outlet has the burning smell, contact a licensed professional electrician to repair or replace the affected wiring, electrical box, and other components.

- A damaged wire
- Incorrectly installed wiring
- A circuit overload

- One or more exposed wires
- A foreign object in the outlet box

Other Signs of Burning in an Outlet

In addition to the burnt outlet smell, you may discover other signs of an electrical problem. Additional signs of an outlet burning may include:

- There is a burned, discolored, or melted outlet cover plate.
- The outlet may feel hot to the touch.
- You feel an odd vibrating or tingling sensation when you plug in a small electrical item.
- The outlet may make a popping noise or other unusual noise.

IMPORTANT: Even if you do not notice any of these additional signs that the outlet is burning, you will still need to have a licensed electrician examine the outlet if you smell a burning odor coming from it.

If an Outlet is Burning, Call DK Electrical Solutions

Especially for homeowners in one of the millions of older homes here in New Jersey, you need a Master Electrician to ensure that you are working with a professional who knows how to handle electrical safety issues in historic homes.

Of course, you should also never attempt to repair electrical wiring or system components yourself. To avoid the risk of electrocution or even a potentially catastrophic house fire, call a DK to have a licensed Master Electrician for help from the region's best trained and most experienced industry-certified electricians.

If you smell a burning odor around an electrical outlet in your home, call DK Electrical Solutions at (609) 796-4177, or contact us here on our website for a quick response!
