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Hint and Tip Number 10: Label Your Electrical Panel

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Labeling your electrical panel can save time and confusion. Knowing which areas of your home or business are serviced by which circuit breaker is crucial in case of an emergency. You will never know when you might need to shut off the power.

How To Do The Labeling

- ⚠ The fastest way to map your electrical panel is to team up with someone. Designate one person to flip the switches in each area, while the other is at the panel testing it. Use walkie-talkies or cell phones to communicate back and forth.
- ⚠ Buy some coloured sticky labels to apply to each switch. It's easier than taping individual papers.
- ⚠ First turn off every circuit in your home. Then turn each one on individually to note which breaker turned what on. Label the electrical panel accordingly.
- ⚠ Clothes dryers and washing machines, water heaters and ovens often require multiple breakers due to the high amount of power it requires to operate. Don't be confused if this happens, just label them 1 and 1A for oven for example.
- ⚠ If you don't want to write out the labels, just number them. Do whatever works for you.

If you notice any wiring problems or circuit problems, contact the experts at Thomas Edison Electric immediately to schedule an appointment to come take a look. A faulty or a panel that needs to be upgraded should be something that's taken care of ASAP.

