



### What to Expect with Dust, Disruption & Site Preparation

This guide is intended to help you understand what to expect and how best to prepare your home for electrical works involving dust and disruption.

Some types of electrical work are more intrusive than others.

This guide is here to give you a clear understanding of what to expect, how to prepare, and how we manage the process.

The aim is simple - no surprises, and a smoother experience for everyone.

### Works That Generate Dust

Certain electrical installations require cutting into walls, ceilings, or floors. These works can generate significant levels of dust, even when carried out carefully and with extraction equipment.

#### Examples include:

- Full or partial rewires
- Installation of new socket or lighting circuits (especially multiple points)
- Chasing walls to install cables and accessories
- Recessed downlight (spotlight) installation
- Cutting access into ceilings, walls, or voids
- Core drilling (for vents, fans, or external services)



These are considered **“dusty works”** and should be expected to create noticeable disruption.

### Dust Control – What We Do (and Its Limits)

We take reasonable steps to reduce dust during electrical works, using appropriate tools and methods depending on the type of job.

#### This may include:

- Hand tools, brushing and general clean-up during works

- Battery vacuum extraction for smaller works
- Wall chasers with dust extraction for larger installations
- Drill and hole-cutting attachments designed to reduce dust at source

These measures help reduce dust during the work, but they do not eliminate it.

**Even when using dust extraction:**

- Fine dust particles will still escape
- Dust can travel beyond the immediate work area
- Some level of cleaning will always be required afterwards

Often - particularly during larger or more intrusive works - there will be a noticeable amount of dust created as part of the process.

**We will always:**

- Work as cleanly as reasonably possible
- Tidy the immediate work area on completion

**However:**

Dust management after the work remains part of the overall process and should be expected.

The level of dust will vary depending on the type of work being carried out, and we will always advise you in advance where higher levels of disruption are expected

Dust control measures are intended to reduce dust at source, but they cannot completely eliminate dust spread within the property.

## Why Dust Covers Are Not Always Effective

It's a common assumption that covering everything will prevent dust spread.

**In reality:**

- Dust is extremely fine and airborne
- It can travel around, under, and through coverings
- Fully sealing a room is rarely practical in a domestic environment

**In many cases:**



- Applying extensive dust sheets can take longer than the work itself
- It can give a false sense of protection
- Cleaning after works is often still required regardless

For this reason, we focus on practical preparation and clear expectations, rather than over-promising dust containment.

## Dust Doesn't Stop When We Leave

### One of the most important things to understand:

Dust continues to settle for several days after the work is complete

### This means:

- Surfaces may continue to gather dust after we leave
- Fine particles remain in the air and settle gradually
- Additional light cleaning is usually required over the following days

This is completely normal for this type of work.

## How to Prepare Your Home (Practical Guidance)

To help reduce disruption and protect your belongings, we recommend the following simple and practical steps

### Remove Where Practical:

#### Where possible, remove items from the immediate work area:

- Small items and valuables
- Electronics (TVs, speakers, computers where feasible)
- Decorative items and ornaments
- Clothing and personal items

### Protect Soft Furnishings:

#### Dust settles easily into fabrics, so we recommend protecting:

- Sofas, chairs and cushions
- Beds and mattresses (including duvets and pillows)
- Curtains and rugs

Use polythene sheeting where possible, as this provides better protection than standard dust sheets.

### Cover What Cannot Be Moved

#### For larger or fixed items:

- Use protective coverings where practical
- Focus on sealing items rather than loosely covering them
- Prioritise items close to the work area

### Clear Access to Work Areas

#### To allow works to be carried out safely and efficiently:

- Provide clear access to walls and ceilings where work is planned
- Move furniture away from working areas where possible
- Remove fragile or valuable items nearby

### Cupboards and Units

In most cases, fully emptying cupboards or units is not necessary, particularly where they can be closed.

#### However:

- If works are directly adjacent to or above a unit, light dust may still find its way in
- You may choose to remove sensitive or valuable items as a precaution

If you're unsure, we're happy to advise based on your specific project.

#### Important:

We do not provide full property covering or sealing of rooms. Protection of furniture, belongings, and surrounding areas remains the responsibility of the Client, although we are happy to advise on the most practical approach.

## Living in the Property During Works

#### If you remain in the property during dusty works:

- Expect noise, disruption, and limited access to certain areas
- Some rooms may be temporarily unusable
- Dust may travel into adjacent areas, even where doors are closed

- Daily cleaning may be required

**For larger projects (e.g. rewires), some customers choose to:**

- Vacate the property temporarily
- Or limit use of affected areas

## Cleaning and Aftercare

**After the works are complete:**

- We will leave the immediate work area reasonably tidy
- Larger debris will be cleared as part of our normal process

**However:**

- Fine dust cleaning is not included
- Some cleaning will be required by the homeowner

### Professional Cleaning (Optional)

For larger or more intrusive works, some customers choose to arrange a professional clean after the work is completed.

We are happy to discuss this with you if needed.

**Please note:**

Even with a professional clean, dust may continue to settle over the following days, and some additional light cleaning is usually required.

## Final Notes

Some electrical works are intrusive by necessity - but it is also what allows a safe, modern, and properly installed system.

Some installations may also require access to concealed areas, lifting floor coverings, or creating inspection openings depending on the existing construction and wiring methods.

**We will always:**

- Work as cleanly and efficiently as reasonably possible
- Communicate clearly before and during the works
- Help you prepare where needed

If you are unsure about anything or would like guidance on preparing your home, just ask

## **Need Advice Before We Start?**

If you'd like help preparing your space or want to talk through what to expect for your specific project, feel free to get in touch before the works begin.

We would much rather discuss concerns beforehand than have unexpected disruption during the works.