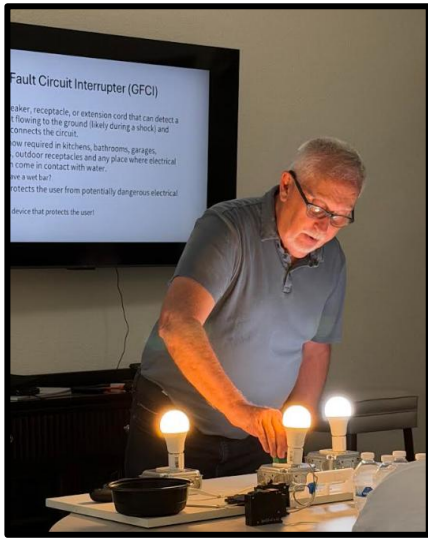


Homeowner Electrical Safety Presentation



Stan Trout conducted two workshops on Homeowner Electrical Safety in August. Over 30 homeowners attended his “electrifying” presentation. As an Affiliate Professor – Mechanical Engineering/ Engineering Technology at Metro State University, Stan knows his stuff!

His presentation included an overview of fuses, circuit breakers, whole-house surge suppressors, EV chargers, smoke, carbon monoxide, and water leak detectors. Throughout his presentation, Stan highlighted various safety precautions, types of failure modes, cautionary red flags, and other helpful hints for homeowners.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Stan reiterated that electrical safety is important for the safety of your home, its occupants, and your neighbors! Take it seriously! He recommended the following steps homeowners should take to ensure a safe home:

- Take the time to check your electrical panel and circuit breakers!
(If you need help doing this task, please ask Stan for help.)
 - If you have a Federal Pacific, Zinsco, Challenger or Pushmatic Electric Panel – replace it!
- Do you have GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) where required? Because of the age of our homes, many of our units do not have them in ***all*** the required places.
 - GFCIs are now required in kitchens, bathrooms, garages, basements, outdoor receptacles and generally any place where an electrical device or appliance can come in contact with water. Consider adding them ASAP for your own protection!
- Consider reviewing or upgrading your electrical system anytime you do a major or minor remodel, or experience any “red flags” such as flickering lights, strange odors, sparking, hot outlets or switches, buzzing, or frequently tripped breakers.
- You can find out if someone is a Colorado Licensed Electrician by searching for them at: <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Electrical>
- The Full Presentation will be available on the SBHOA Website.

