

Understanding your Lighting Plan

An official lighting plan shows the location of every light source, switch and outlet in a space. Kitchens and bathrooms need the most light, so research recommended lighting levels (SEE R2R Lighting Infographic for tips). And don't forget to talk to your electrician about new wireless control options.

Common electrical and lighting symbols:

Light Fixtures

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Recessed



Wall-mounted



Ceiling-mounted

Lighting circuits are groupings of light fixtures on the lighting plan that are connected by a dotted curved line onto a wall switch – to be switched or dimmed together.

Wall Light Switches

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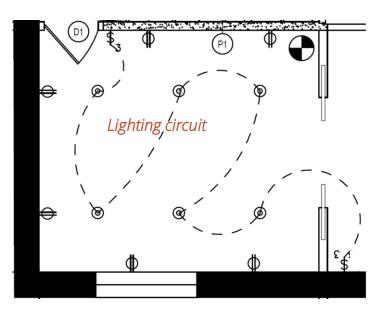
Single-pole



Three-Way
Two switches that control the
same light(s) - great for rooms
with 2 entrances.



Dimmable



Outlets



Duplex Receptacle Plug A standard outlet with two sockets for plugs.



Television Outlet



Data Outlet



Telephone Outlet



Smoke/Carbon Detector

Checklist...

- Check that the correct type of light fixture is specified.
- Are you code compliant? Ask your electrician!
- Are the switches in convenient locations and at a good height?
- Do you want dimmers on any lights?
- Do you have enough receptacles, and are they easy to reach?
- Are there outlets (in the wall or floor) for any table or floor lamps you have planned?
- Do you want any USB receptacles?
- Do you want under-cabinet lighting?
- Have you planned for ambient, task and accent lighting?