

Fire Extinguisher Guidelines

New fire extinguishers are not required to be serviced or tagged, as long as the seller or agent can provide proof of purchase or a receipt.

The requirements for the type and placement of fire extinguishers are as follows:

1. As least one portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one and two-family dwellings upon change of occupancy.
2. The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged and operable.
3. The fire extinguisher shall weigh no more than ten (10) pounds.
4. The hangers or brackets supplied by the manufacturer must be used.
5. The extinguisher must be located within ten (10) feet of the kitchen.
6. The top of the extinguisher must not be more than five (5) feet above the floor.
7. The extinguisher must be visible and in a readily accessible area, free from blockage by furniture, storage or other items.
8. The extinguisher must be near a room exit or path that provides an escape route to the exterior.
9. The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection and maintenance of the extinguisher.
10. The extinguisher must be installed with the operating instructions clearly visible.
- 11. In addition to the fire extinguisher requirements above, entrance doors to ALL units will be tested to insure that they have a self-closing, latching mechanism.**