



Fire Extinguisher Monthly Inspections

Inspections should be conducted whenever fire extinguishers are initially placed into service and thereafter at approximately 30 day intervals. When circumstances require, more frequent intervals may be necessary. Special training is not required to perform the monthly inspection.

Monthly inspections of fire extinguishers must include a check of at least the following items:

- Ensure the extinguisher is located in its designated place.
- Verify there are no obstructions to the access or visibility of the extinguisher.
- Verify the pressure indicator gauge needle points within the operable (green) pressure range.
- Verify the pull pin (ring pin) and visual inspection tamper seal are in place and intact.
- Verify the nameplate is secure and legible and that the operating instructions are legible and face outward.
- Examine the extinguisher for obvious corrosion, leakage, or physical damage.
- Visually examine the discharge hose assembly and/or nozzle (horn for CO2 extinguishers) to ensure it is clear and unobstructed.
- Heft or weigh the extinguisher to determine its fullness.

The date of the inspection and the initials of the inspector must be recorded in the designated place on the back of the extinguisher's certification tag and/or in a separate log (which may be recorded electronically as long as a permanent record is provided).

A record must be kept of those extinguishers which required corrective action. Update this record when such corrective action has been completed. This record must be maintained until the next required maintenance.

Any time an inspection reveals a discrepancy, maintenance and service procedures should be performed (in other words, call us at All County Fire).