

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
MEMORANDUM

TO: Staff
FROM:
DATE: October 31, 2005
SUBJECT: Requirements for fire extinguishers at time of home resale

Beginning November 1, 2005 legislation requires that fire extinguishers are to be provided at change of occupancy (resale) for R-3 and R-4, one-and-two-family dwellings.

Applications for CSDCMAC that were dated prior to November 1, 2005 will not be required to provide fire extinguishers at time of resale.

Applications dated on or after November 1, 2005 will be required to provide a fire extinguisher at time of resale.

New fire extinguishers are not required to be serviced and tagged by a company certified by the Division of Fire Safety. However, proof of purchase or receipt must be provided.

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

1. At least one portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one-and-two-family detached dwellings upon change of occupancy;
2. The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged and operable;
3. The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10B:C and no larger than 10lbs;
4. Must use hangers, or in brackets supplied by the manufacturer;
5. Within 10 feet of the kitchen area;
6. Located with the top of the extinguisher not more than 5' above the floor;
7. Visible and in a readily-accessible spot, free from blocking by furniture, storage, equipment and other items;
8. Near a room exit or travel way that provides an escape route to the exterior;
9. Accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection, and maintenance of the extinguisher; and
10. Installed so the operation instructions shall be clearly visible.