



Yakima County Fire Marshal's Office Public Information Handout FP-19 Portable Fire Extinguishers



International Fire Code Section 906

The Fire Code sets forth requirements that specify where what and when portable fire extinguishers are required.

Fire Extinguishers must be available and functioning with maximum efficiency, without posing a hazard to the user. The minimum size allowed for a portable fire extinguisher is a rating size of 2-A; 10-B: C.

Monthly Inspections

Owners and occupants shall inspect portable fire extinguishers monthly to ensure each fire extinguisher is in good working condition. This inspection should include the following:

- Verify appropriate extinguisher placement and location
- Verify the extinguisher is visible and accessible to everyone.
- Verify seals and tamper indicators are in place and unbroken.
- Verify the extinguisher gauge indicator is in the green, and an inspection tag is displayed.

The person conducting the inspection shall date the record and initial it to indicate when the monthly inspection was performed. Inspection records shall be kept onsite for the last 12 months.

Annual Service

Annual maintenance, servicing, and (recharging if needed) shall be performed by a trained certified maintenance technician, who has access to the appropriate servicing manual (s), proper types of tools, recharging materials, lubricants, and manufacturer's recommended replacement parts specific for each type of portable fire extinguisher on the premises.

Fire extinguishers are intended to be used to reduce the risk to life and property by extinguishing small fires before they can do significant damage.

An Extinguisher For Every Situation

