

Preparations for Inspection

The following must be completed **before** the inspector arrives to conduct the inspection for smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and fire extinguisher compliance. **Failure to be prepared will result in delays in issuing the inspection certificate, rescheduling and additional fees.** If there are any questions, contact this office for help.

Battery Operated Smoke Detectors *ATTENTION: NJ FIRE CODE MANDATES ALL BATTERY SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE WORKING 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERY SMOKE ALARMS.*

1. There must be a smoke detector on each level of the dwelling, including the basement but excluding the attic or crawl space installed according to manufacturer's instructions.
2. There must be a smoke detector outside each sleeping area and within 10 feet of any bedroom.

Hard Wired Smoke Detectors:

1. Required hard wired smoke detectors cannot be replaced with battery operated smoke detectors. In addition to the above:
2. Battery back-up power pack unit is to be charged and have the date last replaced stated on it or supply written verification of when it was last replaced.
3. If the system has an alarm panel: **the person who will be at the residence must know the required pass code, reset procedure and operation of the fire alarm system.**
4. If the system is connected to a central dispatch agency: The name and phone number of the dispatch company, the required password for the system and the contact procedures for testing the system must be in hand by the person who will be at the residence. The system must be put on test to conduct the inspection of the system. **NOTE:** Your alarm company isn't necessarily your central dispatch company. Check with your alarm company before the inspection.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

1. A carbon monoxide (CO) detector is to be located in the **hallway** by each sleeping area installed according to manufacturer's instructions. A sleeping area can be a hallway with one or more bedrooms on one floor. If there are no doors or barriers between hallways with sleeping areas, one detector is allowable.
2. The CO detector can be a plug-in, a hard-wired or a battery-operated unit.
3. A unit can be a combination smoke and carbon monoxide unit as long as it is a 10-year sealed battery unit.

Fire Extinguisher:

1. The fire extinguisher must have a **2A:10B:C** classification.
2. It must be mounted according to manufacturer's instructions, in plain sight and be in or within ten (10) feet of the kitchen.

The inspection of your fire extinguisher, smoke and CO detectors before any transfer of ownership (i.e.: closing, etc.) or change of occupancy is a New Jersey State law. Failure to have it done by the Colts Neck Fire Prevention Bureau, your local enforcing agency, can result in fines of \$500.00 or more and a certified scheduled inspection.

Allow 2-3 weeks for scheduling and processing after filing for an inspection.

I have read the above instructions and will comply with them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____