



WEYBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Portable Fire Extinguisher Requirements

Portable Fire Extinguishers NFPA 10 – Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers	Responsibility
<p>Inspecting an extinguisher is a quick check that an extinguisher is available and will operate. It is intended to give reasonable assurance that the extinguisher is fully charged and operable. Maintenance is a thorough check of an extinguisher intended to give maximum assurance that an extinguisher will operate effectively and safely and will normally reveal the need for hydrostatic pressure testing. Recharging is the replacement of the extinguishing agent.</p>	
Maintain records of tests and inspections on site	
Each portable extinguisher shall have a tag securely attached to it showing the month and year maintenance was performed, the person performing the work, and the agency's name.	
All extinguishers shall be recharged after use, as indicated by an inspection, or when performing maintenance. When recharging is performed, the recommendations of the manufacturer shall be followed.	
Monthly	
<p>Fire extinguishers shall be inspected.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Located in the designated place. 2. No obstruction to access or visibility 3. Operating instructions on nameplate legible and facing outward 4. Seals and tamper indicators not broken or missing 5. Determine fullness by weighing or <i>hefting</i> 6. Examine for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or clogged nozzle 7. Pressure gauge reading or indicator in the operable range or position 8. Annual inspection tag is secured, and current 	
Annually	
Extinguishers shall be subject to maintenance by a certified person.	
5 Years	
Extinguishers with stainless steel shells require hydrostatic testing by a qualified person.	
Pressurized water and carbon dioxide fire extinguishers shall be hydrostatically tested .	
6 Years	
Stored pressure extinguishers that require a 12-year hydrostatic test shall be emptied and subjected to the applicable maintenance procedures. Extinguishers with steel shells need to be emptied and Inspected by a qualified person.	
12 Years	
Extinguishers with steel shells require hydrostatic testing by a qualified person.	

