

The City of Bellevue Fire Department requires **all occupancies** (except R-2 Occupancies – see the fire code for more detailed information) to have portable fire extinguishers readily available and functioning with maximum efficiency without hazard to the user. Portable fire extinguishers must have a minimum size or rating of **2-A; 10-B; C**, or larger based upon hazard.

All portable fire extinguishers shall be installed on hangers, brackets, or mounted in approved cabinets. Extinguishers weighing less than 40 pounds shall be installed with their tops not higher than 60" above the floor; extinguishers weighing more than 40 pounds shall be mounted with their tops no higher than 42" above the floor. In both cases the bottom of the fire extinguishers shall be not less than 4" from the floor.

When portable fire extinguishers are not readily visible, a sign indicating the location of the extinguisher(s) must be installed to show their location.

MONTHLY INSPECTION

Inspection of portable fire extinguishers shall be done monthly by owners/occupants to ensure that each fire extinguisher is in good working order. 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 doing the inspection shall date when the monthly inspection was performed and initial the record. 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.



SAFETY PIN

PRESSURE GAUGE

RECORDS OF THE INSPECTION

FIRE EXTINGUISHER



In addition to annual maintenance by a certified technician, a six (6) year service, and a twelve (12) year hydrostatic test is required for all dry chemical extinguishers. A five (5) year hydrostatic test on stored pressure water extinguishers and Class K fire extinguishers are also required.

Servicing and hydrostatic testing must always be conducted by a certified service personnel. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call 425-452-6872.

**Examples of acceptable certified maintenance technician include:*

- ICC Certified Fire Extinguisher Technician
- Seattle Fire Department licensed to service fire extinguishers