



MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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RESIDENTIAL SMOKE DETECTOR, CO DETECTOR, & FIRE EXTINGUISHER COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

1. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors **must be within 10 feet of any bedroom.**
2. For floors that do not have bedrooms, there must be at least one (1) smoke detector on each floor. If you have an unfinished attic, you do not need a smoke detector in the attic area. Both finished and unfinished basements require a smoke detector.
3. Smoke detectors cannot be more than **10 years old.** Stand alone carbon monoxide detectors cannot be more than **7 years old.** To determine the age of your detector, look at the date of manufacture on the rear of the unit. If the smoke detector has a manufacture date that is more than 10 years old, (or 7 years old for stand alone carbon monoxide detectors) you must replace the unit to pass the inspection. If you have a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector, it cannot be more than 10 years old.
4. If you need to replace a hard-wired smoke detector, it must be replaced with a hard-wired smoke detector. You cannot install a battery-powered smoke detector in place of a hard-wired smoke detector. You can upgrade a battery-powered smoke detector to a hard-wired electric smoke detector.
5. When replacing any battery-powered smoke detector, the replacement battery-powered smoke detector must have a **factory installed, sealed, and maintenance free 10-year battery.**
6. Fire extinguishers must have a rating of **2-A:10-B:C.** Look for a label on the outside of the box stating 2-A:10-B:C. These extinguishers should be red or white in color and weigh approx. five (5) pounds. Fire extinguishers must be mounted on a wall on the way out of the kitchen utilizing the bracket supplied with the extinguisher. The extinguisher should be mounted at waist level, but **no higher than 5 feet** from the floor **and visible (not in a closet or cabinet).**
7. A receipt must be left with the extinguisher showing that the extinguisher was purchased **less than one year ago.** If the receipt is older than one year, the extinguisher must be replaced with a new unit. A NJ State licensed contractor inspection tag can also be substituted for the receipt as long as it has been issued within the past 12 months.

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AGE OF THE SINGLE FAMILY OR TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS**