

HAVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SERVICED AND TAGGED

CODE SECTIONS

2010 Yocha Dehe Fire Code

Section 906.2 General. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained in accordance with this section and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 3.

Exceptions: 2. Thirty day inspections shall not be required for portable fire extinguishers that are supervised by a listed and approved electronic monitoring device, provided that all the following conditions are met.

California Code of Regulations—Title 19

Section 575.1(a) Fire extinguishers shall be subjected to maintenance annually as required or immediately after use.

Section 575.4 Dry Chemical and Dry Power. (a) Stored Pressure Extinguishers (1) Every 6 years stored pressure dry chemical and dry power fire extinguishers that require 12 year hydrostatic test shall be discharged, emptied and subject to the applicable maintenance procedures as specified by the manufacture's recommendations.

Section 575.15 Wet Chemical Fire Extinguishers. Internal maintenance of wet chemical fire extinguishers shall be performed every 5 years at the time of hydrostatic test in accordance with the manufacture's recommendations.

EXPLANATION

All fire extinguishers are required to have a maintenance inspection performed by a California State Fire Marshal certified fire extinguisher technician annually and/or after each use, no matter the amount of agent discharged. A tag will be placed on the fire extinguisher by the technician and must remain visible on the unit. This tag notes the date the fire extinguisher was serviced.

Additionally, every 5 or 6 years, depending on the extinguishing agent, an examination of all working parts and inspection of the agent must be performed. A ring will be placed around the neck of the fire extinguisher verifying this service.

RATIONALE

Your fire extinguishers are designed to extinguish a fire at the incipient or beginning phase of a fire. The fire extinguisher's effectiveness may be diminished without proper inspection and servicing by a licensed technician. An annual inspection and service will help to verify the operational readiness of the fire extinguisher.

Fire extinguishers also need servicing after each use as they are designed to be fully discharged whenever they are used. Even if used and only a small amount of the agent is discharged on a small fire, the unit still must be serviced as the amount of fire the unit can extinguish is now reduced.

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