

Important Information Regarding Fire Department Inspections

Fire Headquarters is located at 10 Power Station Road and is staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week. Full time personnel are organized into four groups of 3 persons. The groups work a 24 hour shift beginning at 0800 AM. They work a rotation of 24 hours on 48 hours off another 24 hours on and then 96 hours off. Between 0800 and 1430 hrs there is a full-time member that works Monday thru Friday. The staffing level during daytime operations is 4 full-time members. Between the hours of 2200 and 0600 On Call personnel sign up to respond with an ambulance should the need arise. At all times addition members both On Call and Full Time may be summoned to assist on duty personnel through a radio dispatch and paging system for any type incident. Emergency and service calls take precedence over scheduled inspections, if an inspection is missed and inspector will call to reschedule.

To schedule an inspection, call 508-248-2299 and select 5, to speak to an inspector. Inspections are performed; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, generally between 10AM and 6PM.

Regulations

Regulations change from time to time, it is the responsibility of licensed technicians to be knowledgeable of their regulations. If you have any questions, call 508-248-2299 and select 5, to speak to an inspector.

The Fire Department inspects and/or issues permits for;

Blasting 527 CMR 13.04(2), 13.04(11)
Bonfires and Burning Christmas Trees 527 CMR 10.23
Bowling Pin and Lane Refinishing 527 CMR 10.15
Cannon and Mortar Firing 527 CMR 22.03
Cellulose Nitrate Film 527 CMR 10.27
Combustible Fibers 527 CMR 28.03
Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) 527 CMR 26.08
Covered Mall Buildings 527 CMR 10.26
Crop Ripening or Color Processing 527 CMR 35.03
Cutting and Welding 527 CMR 39.04
Dust Explosion Prevention 527 CMR 10.16
Explosives and Black Powder 527 CMR 13.04
Fire Protection Equipment 527 CMR 10.03(15); M.G.L. c. 148, § 27A
Fire Protection System 527 CMR 10.03(15)
Fireworks, Display 527 CMR 2.05; M.G.L. c. 148, § 39A
Fireworks, Manufacture, Storage and Handling 527 CMR 2.03; M.G.L. c. 148, § 12
Flammable and Combustible Liquids 527 CMR 14.03, 15.04; M.G.L. c. 148, § 23
Flammable Gases and Solids 527 CMR 14.03
Fuel Transfer Operations 527 CMR 5.08
Fumigation and Insecticidal Fogging 527 CMR 10.06
Hazardous Substances, Left Unattended 527 CMR 25.08
Limited Special Effects 527 CMR 2.09

LP-Gas 527 CMR 6.08
Matches 527 CMR 10.18
Oil Burning Equipment 527 CMR 4.03
Open Air Fires 527 CMR 10.22
Ovens and Furnaces 527 CMR 10.19
Rubbish Containers 527 CMR 34.03
Salamanders 527 CMR 20.01
Special Seasonal Decorations 527 CMR 21.02
Storage, Combustible Material 527 CMR 10.03
Tank Vehicles Parked Overnight 527 CMR 8.04, 14.03
Tanks and Containers 527 CMR 9.06, 9.07; M.G.L. c. 148, § 38A
Tar Kettles on Roofs 527 CMR 10.03
Tire Recapping and Rebuilding Plants 527 CMR 10.21
Tire Storage 527 CMR 10.03
Torches and Heat Producing Devices 527 CMR 10.24
Transportation of Combustible Liquids 527 CMR 8.04

Alarm Testing

The Fire Department must be notified **before testing fire alarms** that are tied into monitoring services, call **508-248-2299** and select 5, to speak to the duty officer. House numbers are a part of the inspection process; the number must be on all buildings and at the beginning of the driveway if the number on the building cannot be seen from the street. Numbers must be at least four (4) inches tall; in a contrasting color to the background, mounted on the right of the front door. When the outside light is on, it shall illuminate the number. Brass numbers are not recommended, as they tend to tarnish, becoming difficult to be seen and does not contrast with most background colors.

Non AFUE Oil Boilers

If the oil burner is not AFUE rated, it must have a minimum sixty-four (64) square feet of fire-code sheetrock installed over it. All applications for oil burner installation and replacement must have electrical permit numbers on them or it will be returned. Electrical permit numbers may be obtained from the inspector of wires.

Failure of any inspection will result in the assessment of a re-inspection fee.

Additional information can be obtained at

<http://www.townofcharlton.net/firedepartment.htm>, the Charlton Fire Department web page.

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