

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – TYPES AND USAGE

1. A fire extinguisher is a storage container for water or a chemical. It is designed to put out a small fire, not a big one.
2. Extinguishers are labeled A, B, C, or D or a combination of these letters to indicate what type of fire it can be used on.
 - Extinguishers labeled with an “A” indicates use for fires started in paper, wood, drapes, or upholstery .
 - Extinguishers labeled with a “B” indicates use for fires started in gasoline, solvents, cooking shortening, or grease.
 - Extinguishers labeled with a “C” indicates use for fires started in wiring, fuse boxes, or electrical sources.
3. Fire extinguishers must be recharged professionally after any use. A partially used one might as well be empty.
4. Fire extinguishers are to be serviced and checked semi-annually by an authorized agent.
5. Extinguishers should be installed **away** from potential fire hazards and **near** an escape route.

HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

1. **Pull** the pin. Some extinguishers require releasing the lock latch, pressing a puncture lever, or other motion.
2. **Aim** the extinguisher nozzle (horn and hose) at the base of the fire.
3. **Squeeze** or press the handle.
4. **Sweep** from side to side at the base of the fire. Watch for “re-flash” (the fire starting up again). Discharge the entire contents of the extinguisher.

CHECK TO SEE HOW YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER WORKS BEFORE YOU HAVE TO USE IT IN AN EMERGENCY.