



City of Ramsey
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Fire Extinguisher Exchange Program

General Overview

In an effort to serve the community, the City of Ramsey Fire Department has created a Fire Extinguisher Program (FEP). This program allows home daycare/foster care providers (NO businesses, please) an opportunity to drop off their fire extinguishers at the Fire Administration offices, located at Fire Station 1, 15050 Armstrong Boulevard NW, for servicing by a technician from an outside vendor. Fire Administration hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The city will loan out an extinguisher while theirs is being serviced. A \$50 deposit (per extinguisher) must be made payable to The City of Ramsey to loan an extinguisher. This deposit **will not** be cashed and returned to the customer, provided the loaned extinguisher is returned promptly.)

General Requirements

- Portable fire extinguishers must be inspected when initially placed in service, and annual inspections must be conducted and documented afterward.
- Inspections must be conducted by a licensed contractor who is trained in portable fire extinguisher service. Documentation must include a dated tag attached to the extinguisher from the technician.
- Fire extinguishers require a hydro-test every 12 years.
- Non-rechargeable fire extinguishers shall be removed from service at a maximum interval of 6 years from the date of manufacture.

Fees/Services

- **Inspection Fee** — \$5.00.
To ensure the unit is fully pressured and in working order.
- **Recharge Fee** — \$20.00
To fully charge the unit due to discharge or a leak.
- **Six-year Tear Down Fee** — \$20.00
When units are six years old, the contents are emptied, and the tank is internally inspected to check for corrosion and cracks. Then, the unit is recharged to normal operating pressure.
- **12-year Hydrostatic** — (repair cost typically exceeds replacement cost)
When a unit becomes 12 years old, the contents are emptied, and the tank is internally inspected to check for corrosion. The unit is then filled with water and tested to twice the operating pressure. The unit is then recharged to normal operating pressure.