

North Providence Fire Department

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Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Inspections

- Residential Smoke/CO Detector Inspections are conducted on **Wednesdays only**.
- Appointments are taken on any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call **401-231-8505 and press 4 when prompted** to schedule an inspection.
- You will be contacted on either Monday or Tuesday with the exact time of your inspection.
- There is a State mandated fee of \$30.00 for single family inspections.
- **(Add) 24.6.3.1.3.1** The local fire authority that performs smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections in all residential occupancies shall, at the time of the inspection, be allowed to charge a thirty dollar (\$30.00) fee for the inspection of any residential occupancy. The responsibility of this charged fee will be borne by the seller on each occurrence before title to the property is transferred. A sixty dollar (\$60.00) fee will be allowed for any subsequent re-inspection of the same residential occupancy due to improper installation, wrong location, improper wiring method, or the seller's failure to maintain a mutually agreed upon appointment with the local fire authority that performs the inspection function. The fees collected by the local fire authority shall be used for fire prevention purposes in that particular city, town, fire district, or other municipal subdivision.

ONE and TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS

- All new residential (including apartments and condominiums) require hard-wired, interconnected CO alarms with battery back up outside the bedroom areas.
- In addition, the local authority having jurisdiction may require additional smoke or CO coverage in rooms or living areas having pull out sofas or other means of sleeping arrangements if in his/her judgment the room may be used for sleeping quarters on a regular or intermittent basis.
- Any dwelling permitted after **January 1, 2002** shall be required to have hardwired CO alarms with battery backup.
- All other existing construction shall be allowed to have battery operated CO alarms or plug in units. Plug in units must be restrained.
- Exception: Dwellings that do not contain any fuel burning appliances, a fireplace or an attached or integrated garage are exempt from CO requirements. If any of these items are introduced later, then detection is required.

FACTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- All detectors and devices shall be installed according to manufacturers recommendations.
- Smoke alarms shall not remain in service longer than **10 years** from the date of installation unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.
- It shall be the responsibility of the owner to maintain in operable condition smoke and carbon monoxide detection systems, installed as required pursuant to this chapter and the owner shall make operable, within seven (7) days after being notified by certified mail by the occupant and/or enforcement official, of any inoperable system.
- **The cost of inspection (\$30.00) shall be borne by the seller.**
- Owners of existing residential properties, previously required to install smoke detectors, shall maintain those detectors in good operating condition.
- The above smoke and carbon monoxide detectors may be installed as either separate or combination units approved by the AHJ.
- The fire department for the community in which the dwelling is located should inspect the smoke and carbon monoxide detector systems of the dwelling within ten (10) days of a request from the owner.
- Once received smoke alarm and CO certificates are good for **120 days**.
- It is recommended that you have your inspection scheduled at least 2 weeks prior to the closing