

The City of Bellevue Fire Department requires **all occupancies** to have portable fire extinguishers readily available and functioning with maximum efficiency without hazard to the user. Portable fire extinguishers must have a minimum size or rating of **2-A;10-B:C**, or larger based upon hazard. All portable fire extinguishers shall be installed on hangers, brackets, or mounted in approved cabinets. Extinguishers shall ideally be installed **not higher than 54" or lower than 48"** above the floor however, fire extinguishers may be mounted 4" from the floor up to 60" off the floor. When portable fire extinguishers are not readily visible, a sign indicating the location of the extinguisher(s) must be installed to show their location.

## MONTHLY INSPECTION

Inspection of portable fire extinguishers shall be done *monthly* by owners/occupants to ensure that each fire extinguisher is in good working order. This inspection should include the following:

- Verify appropriate extinguisher placement and location.
- Verify the extinguisher is visible and accessible to everyone.
- Verify seals and tamper indicators are in place and unbroken.
- Verify the extinguisher gauge indicator is in the **green**, and an inspection tag is displayed.

## ANNUAL SERVICE

Annual maintenance, servicing, and (recharging if needed) shall be preformed by a trained maintenance technician, who has access to the appropriate servicing manual(s), proper types of tools, recharging materials, lubricants, and manufacturer's recommended replacement parts specific for each type of portable fire extinguisher on the premises. Trained technicians can include employees of an occupancy when that employee has received the proper training and/or certification from a listed fire extinguisher manufacturer.



SAFETY PIN

PRESSURE GAUGE

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER



In addition to annual maintenance, a six (6) year service, and a twelve (12) year hydrostatic test is required for all dry chemical extinguishers. A five (5) year hydrostatic test on stored pressure water extinguishers and Class K fire extinguishers are also required. Servicing and hydrostatic testing

must always be conducted by a qualified service company. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call 425-452-6872.