



Borough of Dumont, New Jersey

FIRE DEPARTMENT – BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

80 West Madison Avenue
Dumont, NJ 07628

New Jersey Fire Code mandates the following when selling or renting your 1 or 2 family home.

Starting January 1, 2019

10 Year sealed battery smoke alarms will be required; battery smoke alarms will NOT be accepted.

1. SMOKE ALARMS

- Alarms shall be on every level, including the basement. Levels that have bedrooms, alarms shall be within 10 feet of the bedrooms.
- The alarms should be mounted on the ceiling, but if it has to be mounted on a wall, it must be 4 inches minimum and 12 inches maximum from the ceiling. They must also be 4 inches from any corner, and a minimum of 3 feet from any air registers.
- Smoke alarms, including hard wired, must be under **10 years old**.
- Please be sure to refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

2. CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS (CO)

- On each level that has sleeping areas, and installed in the vicinity of the bedrooms.
- A CO alarm is required in the attic if there is a fuel burning appliance.
- We recommend an additional CO alarm in the vicinity of any fuel burning appliance.
- They can be mounted on ceilings or walls with no height restrictions.
- CO alarms must be under **5 years old**.
- Please be sure to refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

3. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- A portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one and two family dwellings upon a sale of change of tenancy.
- Extinguisher size shall be a 5 lb. **2A:10B:C** rating and no bigger than a 10 lb. **4A:60B:C** rating.
- The extinguisher shall be charged, operable and mounted in plain view, within 10 ft. of the kitchen and not mounted behind doors, blocked by furniture or in a cabinet.
- Fire extinguishers shall be installed so that the operating instructions face outward.
- The top of the fire extinguisher should not be more than 5 ft. off the floor and the bottom of the extinguisher should be no more than 4 inches off the floor.



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4. FEES

- The fee for the inspection is **\$50.00**
- A re-inspection will occur if any of the above mandates fail and will also result in an additional **\$125.00** fee for each additional re-inspection.
- Payment can be made, following the inspection, by check made payable to the Dumont Bureau of Fire Prevention.

5. FAQ

- If you have a **fire alarm system**, you will be required to know how to operate it. The alarm must be placed on “test” through the alarm company before it can be tested. You must know alarm codes and how to silence and reset the alarm. If the system is no longer being monitored, the alarm must still “sound” and you will still need to know the codes to silence and reset.
- If **electric or hard wired** interconnected alarms need to be replaced due to age, they shall be replaced with hard-wired alarms. Battery alarms are **not** acceptable replacements for wired alarms.
- Do not mount alarms in unfinished attic spaces, stairwells, top of basement stairs or in the kitchen as they often result in alarms due to cooking.

To schedule the inspection or if you have any additional questions, please call (201) 387-5034