

# Fire Extinguisher Inspection Checklist

Checklist · 23 items · 5 sections

Monthly and annual fire extinguisher inspection checklist for homes and businesses. Know what to check, when to recharge, and when to replace: per NFPA 10 standards.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/fire-extinguisher-inspection-checklist>

## MONTHLY VISUAL INSPECTION

- Extinguisher is visible and accessible: not blocked by furniture or equipment

HIGH

*NFPA 10 requires monthly visual inspections for all portable fire extinguishers*

- Mounted in designated location and not removed from mount

HIGH

- Safety pin/pull pin is intact and tamper seal is unbroken

HIGH

- Pressure gauge needle is in the green (operating range)

HIGH

*Needle in red (too low or too high) means extinguisher needs immediate service*

- No visible damage: no dents, corrosion, leaks, or clogged nozzle

HIGH

- Hose or nozzle is not cracked, broken, or missing

HIGH

- Operating instructions on label are legible and facing outward

- Last inspection tag is attached and date is within required interval

HIGH

- Document inspection: note date, inspector name, and condition

HIGH

## ANNUAL INSPECTION (PROFESSIONAL)

- Annual inspection performed by a licensed fire protection professional

HIGH

*Required by NFPA 10 for all commercial and most residential applications*

- Extinguisher weighed: confirms agent has not leaked or discharged

HIGH

- Internal inspection (required every 6 years for dry chemical)  
**HIGH**
- Hydrostatic test: required every 5-12 years depending on type  
**HIGH**  
*Stored pressure dry chemical: 12 years. CO2: 5 years. Check NFPA 10 Table for your type*
- New inspection tag attached with current date and technician info  
**HIGH**

## TYPE & PLACEMENT

- Correct extinguisher type for location: Class A, B, C, or multipurpose  
**HIGH**  
*Class K required in commercial kitchens. ABC multipurpose for general use*
- Extinguisher size is adequate for the hazard (minimum 2.5 lbs for home use)  
**HIGH**
- Travel distance to extinguisher is within code: 75 ft for Class A, 50 ft for Class B
- Kitchen extinguisher (Class K or ABC) within 30 feet of cooking equipment  
**HIGH**
- Mounted at correct height: top no more than 5 feet from floor (lighter units) or 3.5 ft (heavy units)

## WHEN TO REPLACE

- Replace immediately if discharged even partially: partially used extinguishers fail  
**HIGH**
- Replace if extinguisher is older than 12 years (most manufacturers recommend)  
**HIGH**
- Replace if physical damage or corrosion is present  
**HIGH**

## TRAINING

- All staff or household members trained in PASS technique: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep  
**HIGH**