

## **Fire Extinguisher Frequently Asked Questions**



### ***Do I need to have a fire extinguisher in my home?***

The Fire Department has very limited inspection jurisdiction in a single-family dwelling. It is up to each homeowner to purchase an extinguisher for their personal use. There is no standard for requiring extinguishers in a single-family dwelling; however, the Tinley Park Fire Department strongly recommends that each homeowner have at least one extinguisher in their home.

### ***Where in my home is the best place for my a fire extinguisher?***

Every home is diverse and hazards are particular to each person's dwelling in a different way. Common practices for placement of extinguishers are usually centered on where you think the most obvious hazards are in your home.

For example, if you work on cars in your garage, then an extinguisher is definitely advantageous in your garage.

Other places you may consider: (but not limited to)

- Laundry/Utility room
- Near your furnace
- In your kitchen

### ***Do I need to have my home fire extinguisher tested?***

Although it is not required in a single-family dwelling or personal use, the Tinley Park Fire Department recommends to have your extinguisher checked on a yearly basis by a qualified company. Look in your phone book under fire extinguisher or do an internet search for an extinguisher company capable of servicing extinguishers, near you. All qualified companies must be licensed through the State of Illinois.