



Ontario Fire Code Requirements for Portable Fire Extinguishers in Ontario

Part 6 – Fire Protection Equipment

- 6.2.1.2 – Portable Fire Extinguishers (PFE) - must be kept operable and fully charged
- 6.2.1.3 – Portable Fire Extinguishers - must be easily seen and accessible at all times
- 6.2.1.4 – Portable Fire Extinguishers - must be located in or adjacent to corridors or aisles that provide access to exits
- 6.2.1.5 – Location must be prominently indicated by signs or markers in large floor areas and where visual obstructions cannot be avoided
- 6.2.6.2 – all buildings, except residential), are required to have the prescribed quantity of class “A” Portable Fire Extinguishers suitable for wood, paper, trash, some plastics
- 6.2.6A – the maximum travel distance to the nearest “A” rated PFE is 25 metres
- 6.2.6.7 – buildings with flammable liquids must have Portable Fire Extinguishers with “B” rating at appropriate maximum travel distance
- 6.2.6.13 – Portable Fire Extinguishers suitable for Class “C” fires shall be provided in or near service rooms containing electrical equipment

Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Requirements

- 6.2.7.1 – Maintenance and testing shall be done in conformance with NFPA 10 standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers
- 6.2.7.2 – all Portable Fire Extinguishers shall be inspected monthly – can be done by an internal person
- 6.2.7.4 – Portable Fire Extinguishers shall have a tag securely attached showing maintenance or recharge date, agency, and signature of service person.
- 6.2.7.6 – Portable Fire Extinguishers shall be replaced or recharged after use

Additional Requirements per NFPA 10 – 2002

- 6.3.3 – Every 6 years, stored-pressure fire extinguishers that require a 12 year hydrostatic test shall be emptied and subjected to the applicable maintenance procedures
- 6.3.4.2 – Each extinguisher that has undergone internal examination or recharged shall have a “Verification of Service” collar located around the neck
- 6.4.1.2 – The amount of recharge agent shall be verified by weighing

Updates in NFPA 10 – 2010

- 7.1.2.1 – Persons performing maintenance and recharging of extinguishers shall be certified

Type of Service	Description	DBMP
Fire Extinguisher Recharge	5lb ABC 6 year maintenance (3A40BC)	\$38.95
Fire Extinguisher Hydrostatic Test	5lb ABC 12 year maintenance (3A40BC)	\$39.95

*prices subject to change without notice * taxes extra where applicable ** AFP (ask for pricing)

