

Fire Code Guide

For New England

Connecticut - Massachusetts - Rhode Island

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INTRODUCTION

As frustrating as fire codes can be for property managers, property owners, facilities managers, and anyone involved in the maintenance and operations of a building, they are there to protect lives and property. **The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** develops these standards that are adopted and used to prevent fire emergencies and life threatening situations around the world.

NFPA 1, for example, provides a guideline of requirements for building reviews and inspections. It has been adopted by 19 different states.



HOW TO USE

All of the **NFPA codes** are fully accessible to the public for free, but the problem is that there are hundreds of these codes. How can you know which fire codes you are legally required to abide by, and which ones are merely suggestions? This question can be difficult to answer because the fire code changes depending on what state your building is located in.

This guide breaks down the relevant fire codes for testing and inspection frequency for each fire protection device. It includes the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island in a simple format. Of course, it's important to stay up-to-date on these codes as new regulations are put in place.



CONNECTICUT

	NFPA Code	TESTING FREQUENCY
Fire Alarm	72	Quarterly
Sprinkler Testing & Inspection	25	Quarterly
Fire Extinguisher	10	Annual
Kitchen Hood	17A	Semi-annual
Special Hazard	12,17,2001	Semi-Annual

Be sure to consult the [Connecticut Fire Code Rules & Regulations](#) for the complete documentation



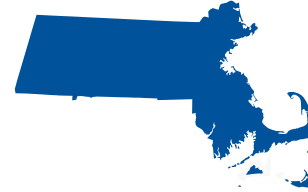
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MASSACHUSETTS



	NFPA Code	TESTING FREQUENCY
Fire Alarm	72	Annual
Sprinkler Testing & Inspection	25	Quarterly
Fire Extinguisher	10	Annual
Kitchen Hood	17A	Semi-annual
Special Hazard	12,17,2001	Semi-Annual

** MA adopted NFPA 1, which automatically adopts current year of all NFPA Codes*

Be sure to consult the **Massachusetts Fire Code Rules & Regulations** for the complete documentation

RHODE ISLAND



NFPA Code

TESTING FREQUENCY

Fire Alarm > 25 Devices	72	Quarterly
Fire Sprinkler	25	Semi-Annual
Fire Extinguisher	10	Annual
Kitchen Hood	17A	Semi-annual
Special Hazard	12,17,2001	Semi-Annual

Be sure to consult the [Rhode Island Fire Code Rules & Regulations](#) for the complete documentation

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