

Township of Gloucester
**Instructions for Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector/
Portable Fire Extinguisher Inspections**

Requirements for the Type and Placement of Portable Fire Extinguishers

- 1) At least one portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one and two family dwellings (except seasonal rental units) upon change of occupancy.
- 2) The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged, and operable.*
- 3) The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10B:C, rated for residential use and weigh no more than 10 lbs.
- 4) The hangers or brackets supplied by the manufacturer must be used.
- 5) The extinguisher must be located within 10 feet of the kitchen.
- 6) The top of the extinguisher must not be more than 5 feet above the floor.
- 7) The extinguisher must be visible and in a readily accessible location, free from being blocked by furniture, storage, or other items.
- 8) The extinguisher must be near a room exit or travel path that provides an escape route to the exterior.
- 9) The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection, and maintenance of the extinguisher.
- 10) The extinguisher must be installed with the operating instructions clearly visible.

*New fire extinguishers are not required to be serviced and tagged, as long as the seller or agent can provide proof of purchase or receipt.