

Fire Inspection FAQ

What is a fire inspection?

The best way to prevent a fire is to prevent them from occurring. Routine fire inspections are one of the most effective ways to do that. The purpose of the inspections is multifold:

1. Identify and correct fire code violations.
2. Educate business and property owners about the fire code and general fire safety.

How can I prepare for the inspection?

The Coldwater Fire Department has prepared an informational checklist, "Sample Fire Safety Checklist", which outlines the most common fire code violations. This checklist is designed to address the majority of fire code deficiencies found on an inspection. A copy of the checklist is located on this website and may be requested by contacting our department and we would be happy to go over any questions you may have.

How often will my business or property be inspected?

We strive to inspect all business semi-annually, with target hazards annually.

How much will the inspection cost?

No fees are assessed for annual and semi-annual inspections.

What if I have a question about the inspection and fire code violations?

You can contact the Coldwater Fire Department Office at 517-278-4177.

How long do I have to correct the fire code violations noted on an Inspection Report?

Once notified of a fire code deficiency, the inspector will notify you and issue an inspection report requiring the conditions are corrected immediately for severe hazards or within a reasonable time period. A re-inspection will be scheduled and noted on the report to verify compliance based upon the schedule of the Fire Inspector. This is typically 10 -30 days.

Can I schedule a Courtesy Inspection or Fire Code Consultation?

Yes. As a property or business owner, who may have fire safety concerns about your operation, you can contact our department at 517-278-4177 and ask for a Courtesy Inspection or Consultation. We will schedule a convenient time to stop by and address any concerns you may have.

USFA & NFPA FAQ:

Please note that this link takes you to a website outside the fire department website:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pAkoL0awFw2hwwQLF09PCPg>

Business & Industry Safety:

The Coldwater Fire Department offers site specific safety training including:

- Fire & Burn Prevention
- Hotel & Motel Fire Safety
- Tornado Safety
- Industrial Fire Safety, Prevention and Evacuation
- Portable Fire Extinguisher Training

These can be 30-90 minute presentations and may include the use of suppression personnel staffing. There are no fees assigned however in the event of fire extinguisher training the facility may be responsible for fuel purchases and will be required to provide their own portable fire extinguishers. Contact your fire extinguisher provider and typically one 10 pound dry chemical extinguisher can be used by two trainees. Contact the Coldwater Fire Department at 517-278-4177 to request a training opportunity.