



Maple Ridge Fire Department

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Maple Ridge Fire Prevention Notice - COVID-19

The Maple Ridge Fire Department understands that building owners/managers are facing challenges arising from COVID-19 as it relates to annual fire alarm inspections. Many fire protection companies are not entering individual suites to fully complete the annual inspection in order to maintain physical distancing requirements as set out by the BC Public Health Officer. The in-suite portion of the inspection may be deferred, however the common area items remain to be inspected as per your regular annual inspection cycle. Please keep in mind that this is a temporary measure and it is expected that when the restrictions due to COVID-19 are relaxed, the in-suite portion of the inspection will be completed as soon as possible.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to regularly visually inspect the fire and life safety equipment in your building *in addition* to the annual inspections required to be performed by qualified technicians:

- 1) Fire alarm systems are being visually checked **WEEKLY** as per NFPA 72 to ensure:
 - a. Power supply is on (green light)
 - b. NO trouble lights
 - c. All zones are reporting no problems
- 2) All Fire Extinguisher are being visually checked **MONTHLY** as per NFPA 10 to ensure:
 - a. Gauge shows charged
 - b. Extinguisher is present and located appropriately (on hanger/ bracket)
- 3) All Emergency lights are being visually checked **MONTHLY** as per CAN/CSA-C282 to ensure:
 - a. Proper operation when test button is pressed
- 4) All Exit signs are being visually checked **MONTHLY** to ensure:
 - a. They are illuminated

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this tumultuous time. If you have any questions, please contact us at fireprevention@mapleridge.ca

Kind regards,

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