



Graham Fire & Rescue

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

If a small fire cannot be quickly extinguished without hazard to yourself or others, get everybody out, close all doors behind you and call 911 from a safe location.

There are four classes of fires and no single type of extinguisher works on all fires. Make certain that you are protected by the correct extinguisher for the types of combustibles in your area.

Combustible materials are divided into these four classes:

Class A: Ordinary combustibles (wood, paper, cloth, rubber, etc.)

Class B: Flammable liquids (fuel oil, gasoline, cooking grease, solvents, etc.)

Class C: Energized electrical equipment (wiring, fuse box, electrical motors, etc.)

Class D: Combustible metals (magnesium, sodium, zirconium, etc.)

Learn how to use your fire extinguisher and what types of fires it will extinguish before you need it. Most extinguishers are operated in the following manner:

- ✓ Pull the pin.
- ✓ Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- ✓ Squeeze or pump the handle.
- ✓ Sweep from side to side at the base of the flame.



Important tips:

- ✓ Buy only an extinguisher which has been approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the location and operating instructions of extinguishers.
- ✓ Always place yourself between the exit and the fire to ensure that you can withdraw if the fire does not go out immediately.