

Important Information Regarding Fire Department Inspections

Currently the Main Station located at 10 Power Station Road is staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week. Full time personnel are organized into four 3 person groups. The groups work a 24 hour shift beginning at 0800 AM. They work a rotation of 24 hours on 48 hours off another 24 hours on and then 96 hours off. Between 0800 and 1430 hrs there is a full-time member that works Monday thru Friday. The staffing level during daytime operations is 4 full-time members. Between the hours of 2200 and 0600 On Call personnel sign up to respond with an ambulance should the need arise. At all times addition members both On Call and Full Time may be summoned to assist on duty personnel through a radio dispatch and paging system for any type incident. Emergency and service calls take precedence over scheduled inspections, if an inspection is missed and inspector will call to reschedule.

To schedule an inspection, call 508-248-2299 and select 5, to speak to an inspector. Inspections are performed; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, generally between 10AM and 6PM.

Regulations change from time to time, it is the responsibility of licensed technicians to be knowledgeable of their regulations. If you have any questions, call 508-248-2299 and select 5, to speak to an inspector.

The Fire Department inspects and/or issues permits for;

Oil Burners and fuel oil storage¹ Propane storage¹

Smoke detector and fire alarms systems¹ Black powder storage

Sprinkler & suppression systems¹ Fireworks Display

Above & under ground storage tank removal² Gasoline & waste oil storage³

Rubbish containers⁶ or more yards capacity² Open air brush burning³

Unvented gas heaters¹

¹ Additional permits or approval are required by other departments.

² Required for rubbish containers that hold 6 or more yards of combustible material that is not removed daily.

³ Includes all open-air burning of brush, the burning of construction material is prohibited.

The Fire Department must be notified **before testing fire alarms** that are tied into monitoring services, call **508-248-2299** and select 5, to speak to the duty officer.

House numbers are a part of the inspection process; the number must be on all buildings and at the beginning of the driveway if the number on the building cannot be seen from the street. Numbers must be at least four (4) inches tall; in a contrasting color to the background, mounted on the right of the front door. When the outside light is on, it shall illuminate the number. Brass numbers are not recommended, as they tend to tarnish, becoming difficult to be seen and does not contrast with most background colors.

If the oil burner is not AFUE rated, it must have a minimum sixty-four (64) square feet of firecode sheetrock installed over it. All applications for oil burner installation and replacement must have electrical permit numbers on them or it will be returned. Electrical permit numbers may be obtained from the inspector of wires.

Failure of any inspection will result in the assessment of a re-inspection fee.

Additional information can be obtained at <http://www.townofcharlton.net/firedepartment.htm>, the Charlton Fire Department web page.

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