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Guide to Fire Sprinkler Requirements For One and Two Family Dwellings

(Public Water Supply Systems)

These are the basic requirements for residential fire sprinkler systems compiled by the Fire Prevention Officers Section of the Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Association.

The National Standard Utilized for residential fire sprinklers is the latest edition of N.F.P.A. 13D. Listed below are additional modifications required.

- 1) Plans shall be submitted and approved prior to installation to the Fire Prevention Office having jurisdiction. Allow a minimum of 14 days for plan check and approval.
- 2) The following information is required when submitting plans for a sprinkler system in a single or two-family residence.
- 3) Design and Installation Requirements
 - a. N.F.P.A. 13D residential automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed and hydraulically calculated by a licensed engineer, Fire Protection Engineer (F.P.E.), licensed C-16 Contractor (if they install the system), or by an owner-builder of an owner-occupied single-family dwelling.
 - (1) Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1 foot. North arrow.
 - (2) Dimensions and arrangement of rooms and partitions.
 - (3) Systems shall be calculated to provide for a 10-pound residual.
 - b. The sprinkler system shall be installed by a licensed C-16 contractor or by an owner-builder of an owner-occupied single-family dwelling.
 - c. The fire sprinkler system shall consist of the overhead and underground piping.
 - d. Proof of Engineering or C-16 license shall be submitted with plans and calculations.
 - e. When field variations are made to Fire Department approved sprinkler plans, the contractor shall provide "As Built" Plans and Calculations to prove the system as installed prior to overhead rough inspection. Insulation and wall/ceiling sheeting installations may be delayed if review of new plans and calculations is necessary.

SYSTEM DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

A. Water Supply

- 1) Check with applicable local water agency.
 - a. Document on the plans:
 - (1) The source of the water pressure information.
 - (2) The date the test was completed.
 - b. If test date exceeds 5 years, new test information will be required.
- 2) If the building site is outside of a local water agency service area the minimum required amount of stored fire protection water for one and two family dwellings equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system is 10,000 gallons, or as required by the local fire agency.

B. Requirements for Underground Installation

- 1) Pipe
 - a. Underground pipes will be 2" or as approved by the authority having jurisdiction based on available water, square footage and hydraulic calculations. Indicate on plans with a detail drawing.
 - b. Future structural expansion should be considered when determining UG pipe size.
 - c. Minimum underground pipe depth is 18 inches below rough grade.
 - d. Schedule 40 PVC or other listed and approved materials are allowed for underground supply line from the water source to the transition fitting.
 - e. Underground piping will terminate with a threaded or glued cap at six inches below finished grade, or higher.

Note: This is the termination of the underground piping.

- f. Transition fitting to be installed a minimum of six inches below grade.
- g. All piping from the transition fitting to the base of the riser (minimum six inches above grade) shall be approved metallic pipe. If copper pipe is used for extension, type "L" is required. *See Attachment A for diagram.
- h. All transition from metal to plastic will be through schedule 80 plastic fittings.

2) Testing

- a. All residential sprinkler system underground piping systems shall be
 hydrostatically tested in accordance with the requirements of the California
 Plumbing Code (not less than minimum design working pressure for 15 minutes)
 and shall be witnessed by the Fire Department prior to being covered.
- b. Underground pipe shall be flushed with water at the minimum design pressure, through an opening the size of the underground pipe's diameter, until the water runs clear insuring the line is free of contamination before the underground pipe is connected to the riser. If the underground piping is not going to be connected to the riser immediately, the underground is to be secured with a threaded or glued cap.
- c. Provide Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for underground piping at time of test. *See Attachment C for copy of certificate.

C. System Components

- 1) Valves and Drains
 - a. Control Valve: Control Valves shall be indicating valves and be UL or NFPA approved (i.e. O.S. & Y., butterfly valve, or full flow ball valve).
 - (1) An approved sign indicating "Control Valve" shall be located adjacent to the valve. Control valves installed on the riser must be supervised by one of the following:
 - (a) Central Station, proprietary or remote station alarm service.
 - (b) Local alarm service that will cause the sounding of an audible signal at a
 - (c) Securing the valve in the open position to the approval of the fire authority.

b. Public Metered Water Systems

- (1) Single Meter: Owners control valves are required on all residential sprinkler systems capable of shutting off both domestic and fire sprinkler systems. In combination systems having control valves, the control valve must be located below the domestic supply tee.
- (2) Double Meter: Owners control valves are required on all residential sprinkler systems.

c. Main Drain/Pressure Relief

- (1) Main Drain shall be located above the flow switch.
- (2) Adjustable pressure relief valves are required when the pressure exceeds 125 P.S.I.
- (3) Main drain valves shall be an approved standard valve.
- (4) An approved sign indicating "Main Drain" shall be located adjacent to the valve.

d. Flow Switch/Alarm

- (1) 110-volt flow alarm with a minimum 6" bell located on an exterior master bedroom wall of the house. The design of the house may require more than one bell.
- (2) Any exposed wiring to be installed in an approved weather resistant conduit and fittings. A drip loop to the flow switch is preferable.
- (3) To be wired to a normally used circuit (i.e. kitchen, master bedroom) not on a G.F.C.I. or A.F.C.I. (arc fault) protected circuit.

e. Check Valve

(1) A rubber-seated check valve may be required to be installed on the riser. Consult with local fire department for requirements. Include the manufacturer's "Cut Sheet" showing equivalent feet of pipe loss or PSI loss for the device.

EXCEPTION: On a metered service system with a double check valve installed by the water purveyor, check valves on the riser are not required.

f. Gauge

(1) UL approved pressure gauge to have at least 300 PSI reading.

g. Riser Location/Construction

- (1) The riser shall be located on or adjacent to the garage or as approved by the local fire agency.
- (2) Riser to be constructed of approved metallic pipe if located on the exterior of the structure or unprotected on the interior of the structure.
- (3) Riser, if installed in the wall of the structure, shall have an access panel to the exterior with all valves and switches available through the panel when required by the fire code official. Unions should be used to facilitate repairs to the riser.
- (4) Control Valve and Main Drain signs shall be posted on the outside of the access panel door or on riser or structure if riser is exposed.
- *See Attachment B for Riser Detail
- *See Attachment B-1 Riser with Domestic Tee for combination systems

2. Overhead Piping

- a. Pipe & Sprinklers
 - (1) Copper, Steel, CPVC and other listed and approved materials shall be used for interior sprinkler lines. All materials shall be installed per manufacturer and fire department requirements.
 - (2) A pilot head shall be installed in the attic using a 212-degree commercial head and metallic pipe.
 - (3) Heat source clearance for CPVC pipe shall be a minimum of 12 inches or manufacturer's recommendations.
 - (4) Areas containing heat-producing equipment shall be protected by automatic fire sprinklers.
 - (5) Attics, crawl spaces, or other non-habitable areas that are used for storage shall be protected by automatic fire sprinklers.
 - (6) When system is served by a single water meter (minimum 1"), a single supply outlet (passive purge) with approved valve shall be provided for use by plumber as supply to a single water closet. When the static pressure exceeds 80 p.s.i., an approved pressure reducing valve shall be install as close to the water closet as possible. *See Attachment E for meter configuration.

b. Straps

- (1) All straps shall be UL listed for their use with the piping material used.
- (2) All straps shall be secured as per manufacturer's recommendations.

c. Testing

- (1) All systems shall be hydrostatically tested at not less than 200 PSI for two hours or at least 50 PSI in excess of the maximum pressure, when the maximum pressure to be maintained in the system is in excess of 150 PSI. Proof of testing shall be provided and an approved gauge showing the test pressure of at least 200 PSI shall be witnessed by the fire department.
- (2) Sprinkler heads or plugs may be used for testing. The contractor is responsible for replacing damaged heads prior to final.
- (3) Provide Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for overhead piping at time of test. *See Attachment D for copy of certificate.

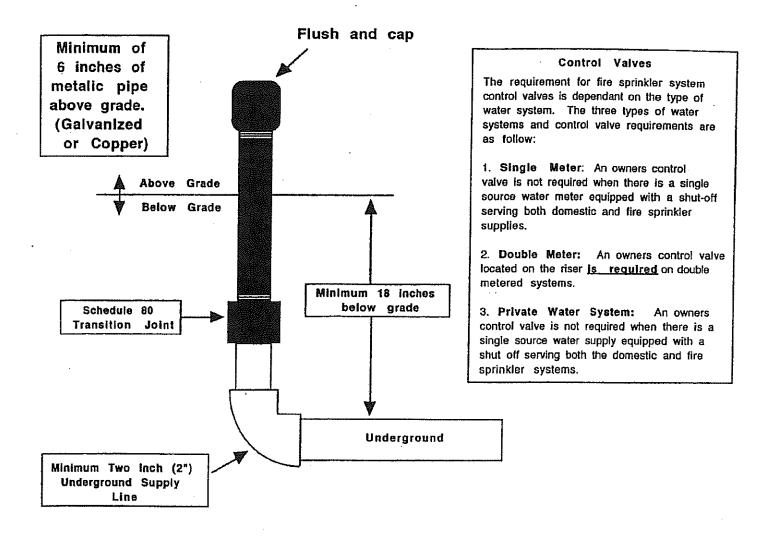
3. Inspector Test Assembly

- a. Valve
 - (1) An approved valve shall be used for the inspector's test valve.
- b. Location/Construction
 - (1) Inspector test assembly to be located at ground level piped from the most remote portion of the sprinkler system. Discharge should be located as not to cause damage to surrounding area with water flow.
 - (1) Inspector test assembly to be constructed of approved metallic pipe if located on the exterior of the structure or unprotected on the interior of the structure.
 - (2) Inspector test assembly, if installed in the wall of the structure, shall have an access panel to the exterior with all valves available through the panel.
 - (3) A "spent" sprinkler head of the same size orifice used for the interior sprinkler heads with the frame cut off shall be used as a test orifice. (An inexpensive commercial head may be used.)
 - (4) An approved sign indicating "Inspector's Test" shall be located adjacent to the valve.
- 4. Spare Sprinkler Head Box, Sprinklers & Sprinkler Head Wrench
 - a. Spare sprinkler head box capable of holding a minimum of 6 sprinkler heads shall be installed in the vicinity of the sprinkler riser or as approved by the fire department.
 - b. The spare head box shall contain:
 - (1) A minimum of three of the predominant type of head and one of each other type used on the job. **EXCEPTION:** If only one head of a type is used, only one head of that type will be required.
 - (2) Sprinkler head wrench.
 - c. The installing Fire Sprinkler Contractor shall affix a permanent decal or other identifying label to the face of the spare head box. Decal shall have company name and contact information.

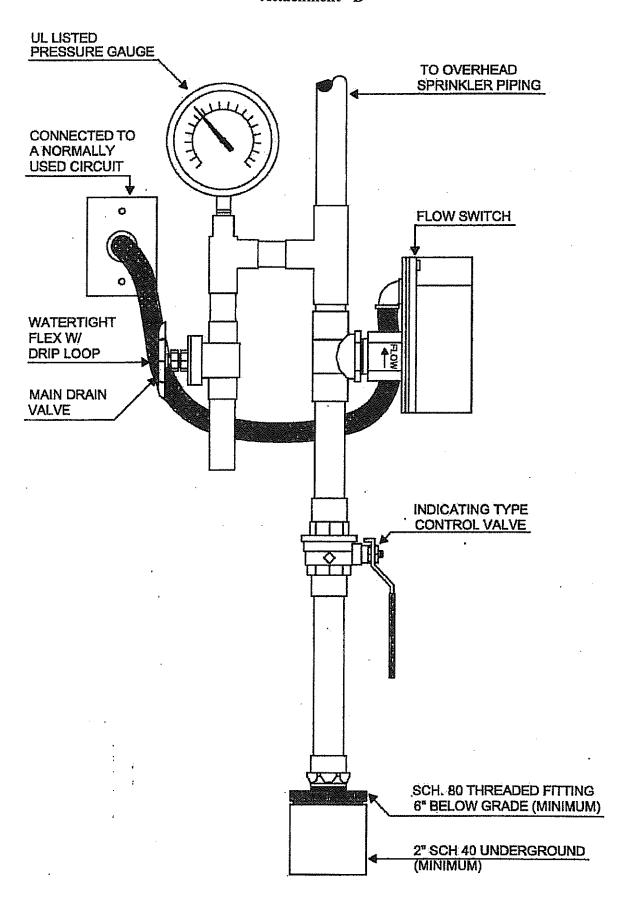
The appropriate local agency should be contacted regarding local requirements, permit process and fees. Refer to the attached table to determine which fire agency will oversee plan review, installation activities, perform compliance inspections and collect permit fees, if any. For those agencies marked with an (*) on the following table, CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire Department is the agency responsible for all aspects of the automatic fire sprinkler installations.

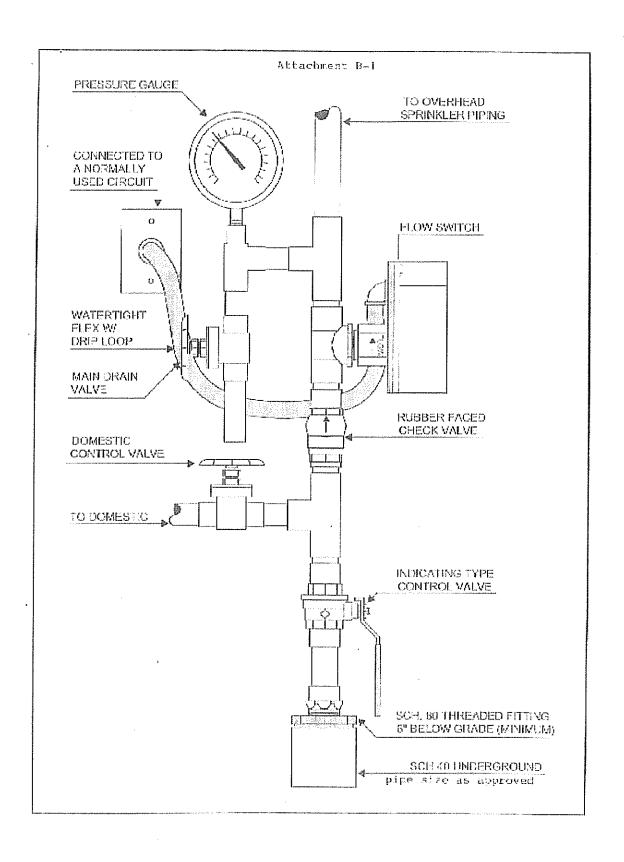
Location	Fire Agency Name	Address	Telephone
Aptos	Aptos/La Selva FPD	6934 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003	(831) 685-6690
Ben Lomond	Ben Lomond FPD	9430 Hwy 9 Ben Lomond, CA 95005	(831) 336-5495
*Bonny Doon	CAL FIRE/ Santa Cruz County Fire Dept.	P.O. Drawer F-2 Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-6748
Boulder Creek	Boulder Creek FPD	13230 Central Ave Boulder Creek, CA 95006	(831) 338-7222
Branciforte	Branciforte Fire Dept.	2711 Branciforte Dr. Santa Cruz, CA 95065	(831) 423-8856
Brookdale	Boulder Creek FPD	13230 Central Ave Boulder Creek, CA 95006	(831) 338-7222
Capitola	Central FPD	930 17 th Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062	(831) 479-6843
*Corralitos	CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire Dept.	P.O. Drawer F-2 Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-6748
*Davenport	CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire Dept.	P.O. Drawer F-2 Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-6748
Felton	Felton FPD	131 Kirby St. Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-4422
*Freedom	Pajaro Valley Fire District	P.O. Drawer F-2 Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-6748
La Selva Beach	Aptos/La Selva FPD	6934 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003	(831) 685-6690
Live Oak	Central FPD	930 17 th Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062	(831) 479-6843
Mount Herman	Felton FPD	131 Kirby St. Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-4422
Pajaro Dunes	CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire Dept.	P.O. Drawer Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-6748
Rio Del Mar	Aptos/La Selva FPD	6934 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003	(831) 685-6690
*Salispuedes	Pajaro Valley Fire District	P.O. Drawer F-2 Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-6748
Santa Cruz City	Santa Cruz FD	230 Walnut St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060	(831) 420-5280
Scotts Valley	Scotts Valley FPD	7 Erba lane Scotts Valley, CA 95066	(831) 438-0211
Soquel	Central FPD	930 17 th Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062	(831) 479-6843
Watsonville	Watsonville FD	115 2 nd St. Watsonville, CA 95076	(831) 768-3200
Zayante	Zayante FPD	7700 East Zayante Rd. Felton, CA 95018	(831) 335-5100

Attachment "A"



Attachment "B"





Attachment "C"

Contractor's Material and Test Certificate for Underground Piping Upon completion of work, inspection and tests shall be made by the contractor's representative and witnessed by an owner's representative. All defects shall be corrected and system left in service before contractor's personnel finally leave the job. A certificate shall be filled out and signed by both representatives. Copies shall be prepared for approving authorities, owners, and contractor, it is understood the owner's representative's signature in no way prejudices any claim against contractor for faulty material, poor workmanship, or failure to comply with approving authority's requirements or local ordinances. Date Property name Property address Accepted by approving authorities (names) Address **Plans** Yes ☐ No Installation conforms to accepted plans Yes ☐ No Equipment used is approved If no. state deviations Has person in charge of fire equipment been instructed as to location ☐ Yes ☐ No of control valves and care and maintenance of this new equipment? If no, explain Instructions Have copies of appropriate instructions and care and maintenance Yes Yes ☐ No charts been left on premises? If no, explain Supplies buildings Location Type joint Pipe types and class Yes ☐ No Pipe conforms to standard Fittings conforms to ☐ No standard Yes Underground If no, explain pipes and ioints Yes ☐ No Joints needed anchorage clamped, strapped, or blocked in __ standard accordance with ___ Il no, explain Flushing: Flow the required rate until water is clear as indicated by no collection of foreign material in burlap bags at outlets such as hydrants and blow-offs. Flush at flows not less than 390 gpm (1476 L/min) for 4-in. pipe, 880 gpm (3331 L/min) for 6-in. pipe, 1560 gpm (5905 L/min) for 8-in. pipe, 2440 gpm (9235 L/min) for 10-in. pipe, and 3520 gpm (13,323 L/min) for 12-in. pipe. When supply cannot produce stipulated flow rates, obtain maximum available Hydrostalic: Hydrostatic tests shall be made at not less than 200 psi (13.8 bar) for 2 hours or 50 psi (3.4 bar) above static pressure in excess of 150 psi (10.3 bar) for 2 hours. Test Leakage: New pipe laid with rubber gasketed joints shall, if the workmanship is satisfactory, have little or no leakage at description the joints. The amount of leakage at the joints shall not exceed 2 quarts per hour (1.89 L/hr) per 100 joints irrespective of pipe diameter. The leakage shall be distributed over all joints. If such leakage occurs at a few joints, the installation shall be considered unsatisfactory and necessary repairs made. The amount of allowable leakage specified above can be increased by 1 fluid ounce per inch valve diameter per hr. (30 mL/25 mm/hr) for each metal seated valve isolating the test section. If dry barrel hydrants are tested with the main valve open so the hydrants are under pressure, an additional 5 ounces per minute (150 mL/min) leakage is permitted for each hydrant. Yes Yes □ No New underground piping flushed according to standard by (company) If no, explain Through what type opening How flushing flow was obtained Hydrant butt Open pipe Flushing Fire pump Public water Tank or reservoir tests Yes ☐ No standard by (company) Lead-ins flushed according to ___ If no, explain Through what type opening How flushing flow was obtained Y connection to flange Doen pipe Public water Tank or reservoir Fire pump and spigot

Attachment "C", Cont.

Pressure	Location and floor						Residual pressure (flowing)				Flow rate	
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	Do you certify as the sprinkler contractor that welding procedures comply Yes !! with the requirements of at least AWS B2.1?										No No	
Welding	Do you certify that the welding was performed by welders qualified in Compliance with the requirements of at least AWS B2.1?										No No	
	Do you certify that the welding was carried out in compliance with a documented quality control procedure to ensure that all discs are retrieved, that openings in piping are smooth, that stag and other welding residue are removed, and that the internal diameters of piping are not penetrated?											
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Attachment "D"

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