



Do you know where to shut off your utilities in the event of an emergency? Every responsible member of your family should know the procedures and where to shut off the electric, water, and natural gas. Take some time as a family to go over these important skills.



### **Extinguisher Tips**

High hazard zones such as; kitchens, garages, workshops, and furnace rooms should be equipped with a portable extinguisher, which is easily accessible in the event of a fire.

Homes should be equipped with a multipurpose extinguisher commonly known as an ABC extinguisher. This type of extinguisher is rated to be effective in handling many types of fires.

Multipurpose extinguishers or ABC extinguishers are readily available; many stores such as Lowes, and Wal-Mart carry them. Purchase only U.L or FM approved extinguishers.

The recommended size is at least 5lbs.

### A Message from Aberdeen Fire Rescue Department:

Spring is in the air! We recently changed our clocks back, and just a reminder – if you haven't already, everyone needs to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Every home should have at least one working smoke detector. Working alarms can double your chance of survival. If you need a detector the Aberdeen Fire Rescue Department has a detector program to help your family, call us, and we'll be happy to come out to your home and install one.

With the warmer weather inspiring many to roll up their sleeves and get spring cleaning done inside and out, it's also a perfect opportunity to get your family together to discuss your emergency plans. Now would be a great time to rehearse an emergency escape, perhaps try it in the dark. Go through your house during your spring cleaning, examine and test your smoke detectors and replace the batteries, check your outlets; make sure no plugs are overloaded with too many cords, and clean your dryer vent or have a technician come in to do it for you. This would also be a perfect time to make sure you have the proper extinguishers in your home. Consider taking a first aid class together as a family.

There are many resources available on the web to help you prepare for a disaster

### **Attention Businesses!**

Is it time for your yearly inspection? To prepare ahead of time, please check out our website [www.townofaberdeen.net/fire](http://www.townofaberdeen.net/fire) which has checklists you can use prior to your inspection to ensure a successful inspection!



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