



## FREMONT CERT FIRE EXTINGUISHER PROGRAM

Recycle your used or out of charge extinguishers

Fremont CERT is partnering with Countryside Fire Protection District to recycle unusable fire extinguishers (all sizes) and out of service smoke detectors.

Drop them off at either of their stations during business hours to any on duty firefighter.

### Countryside Station #1

801. Midlothian Rd. Mundelein, IL

### Countryside Station #2

600 N. Deerpath Dr. Vernon Hills, IL



### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Fire extinguishers are a valuable home safety tool; they give you the ability to put out small fires before they spread or control a fire while you and other family members escape. Extinguishers will not work effectively if they are not properly charged, so you must check them regularly to ensure they are full and at the right pressure. **Extinguishers require recharging or replacement after every use.**

Fire extinguishers for home use are rated for use on certain fire types and come in easy-to-handle sizes. **“A”-rated** extinguishers are made for common combustible materials, while **“B”-rated** models are appropriate for flammable liquids; **“C”-rated** models work on electrical fires. Many home extinguishers are multipurpose and work on all three-fire types (ABC Rating). Some are disposable and meant to be discarded after use, while others are rechargeable. Reusable extinguishers are recognizable by their metal valves, while disposables have plastic valves. Larger units are often rechargeable, while smaller extinguishers are typically disposable.

**Unused fire extinguishers periodically need to be recharged even if you do not use them.**

Extinguishers have a **red** and **green** pressure dial to alert you to their status at a glance. Your extinguisher is properly pressurized if the dial's needle is in the **green** area, but it needs recharging or replacement if the needle slips into the **red** area.

Extinguishers last between three and 12 years, and the replacement information are typically marked on the unit or its label.

**Get a new extinguisher when your old one expires, even if it still appears to be in good shape.**