



**Bureau of Fire Prevention
Englishtown Fire District No. 1.**

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INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS for Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Compliance.

Smoke Detectors:

Ten-year, sealed, battery-operated single station smoke alarms OR, A/C powered hardwired smoke detectors must be installed as follows:

- One in each bedroom
- One on each level of the house and within ten feet of the bedrooms (basement, first floor, second floor) excluding crawl spaces & unfinished attics
- Smoke detectors must be properly mounted & secured to the wall or ceiling (ceiling mounted smoke detectors must be at least 4" from the wall & wall mounted smoke detectors must be at least 4" and no more than 12" from the ceiling)
- All smoke detectors must be UL Listed and have a test button
- NOTE: A/C powered smoke alarms installed as part of the original construction or rehabilitation projects shall not be replaced with battery-powered smoke alarms

To avoid false alarms and/or improper operation, avoid installation of smoke detectors in the following areas:

- Kitchens – smoke from cooking may cause a nuisance alarm
- Bathrooms – excessive steam from a shower may cause a nuisance alarm
- Detectors near forced air ducts –(used for heating or air conditioning) air movement might prevent smoke from reaching detector
- Within the "dead air" space (4") where the wall meets the ceiling
- The peak of an "A" frame type ceiling – "dead air" at the top may prevent smoke from reaching detector

Carbon Monoxide Detectors: A carbon monoxide alarm or detector must be installed on each level of the house and within ten feet of the bedrooms.

- Carbon monoxide alarms or detectors can be battery operated, plugged into an outlet, or part of an existing central station automatic fire alarm system.
- Combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors must be installed according to the requirements of the smoke detectors (listed above)
- Must be UL listed

Any questions please use the contact information above.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I apply for a Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Compliance?

*First, apply for your residential CO with Englishtown Housing & schedule your CO inspection. Applications for Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Compliance are readily available at Englishtown Town Hall. Or online at www.englishtownbofc.com, click on the Fire Bureau tab. Next, take your completed application with your payment to **Englishtown Fire Prevention** and drop the paperwork off at the firehouse located at 3 S. Main St. Englishtown. A secure drop box is located around the back of the firehouse, on the left-hand side of the building. Red box is properly marked Fire Prevention.

What kinds of payments are accepted for the application? Check or Money Order made out to Englishtown Fire Prevention or Cash in the exact amount only (payment must be made at time of application). See application for fee schedule based on date of application and closing/change of occupancy date. **Please do not leave payment at Englishtown Town Hall.**

What are the hours of operation for the Fire Prevention office?

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12:00noon-4:00pm There is also a drop box outside the rear door of the firehouse where you can leave applications with payment.

Will this inspection be scheduled on the same day as the CO inspection?

NO. When you apply for your CO and schedule your inspection w/ Englishtown Housing, you will advise us of that date when you submit your application. Note: the CO & Smoke Inspectors will NOT come at the same time.

What times are the inspections performed? The inspections are performed between the hours of 12noon and 3pm Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursday. Unless scheduled differently with the Fire Marshal office in advance. This time will not be narrowed down, and you will not receive a phone call prior to arrival.

How will I receive my certificate?

Do I need a Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Compliance for a Conditional/Transfer of Title Only CO?

No. Since those COs don't allow for occupancy, it doesn't apply. When the house is ready for occupancy you must contact Englishtown Housing and apply for the Certificate with Fire Prevention.

What happens with Central Station Fire Alarms? A letter from the monitoring company needs to be presented stating that the system is operational.

Is the fire extinguisher still required? No. NJ Assembly Bill A3894 (February 2025) eliminates the requirement for portable fire extinguishers for a Certificate of Occupancy in residential structures.

Do I have to secure my pets during the inspection?

Yes, please secure all pets during the inspection.

Can someone other than myself be there for the inspection? Yes, you can have any other adult (must be 18 years or older) there instead of yourself for the inspection. If the system is an alarm system, make sure that person has knowledge of the system and the alarm code.

If the house is vacant, can I leave the house open for the Inspector to let themselves in? NO! The Inspector will not enter the residence if there is not an adult present.



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Application for Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Compliance
Pursuant to N.J.U.F.S.A.52: 27d-192 before any one- or two-family dwelling is sold, leased, or otherwise
made subject to change in occupancy for residential purposes. The owner shall obtain a certificate
of compliance from the Englishtown Fire District No.1, Bureau of Fire Prevention

Application Date: _____ Please Circle- Sale Rental

Date of Closing/Change in Occupancy: _____

SUBJECT PROPERTY: _____

Please Circle One: Single Family Two-Family Townhouse Condo Apartment

SELLER/Current Owner Information:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

BUYER/TENANT Information:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

REALTOR/Registered Agent Information:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I hereby certify that I am the owner of record or agent authorized by the owner of record to make
this application for a Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance

Print Name of Owner/Authorized Agent

Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent

APPLICATION/INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE Payment must accompany completed application:
***Check/Money order payable to Englishtown Fire Prevention*. NOT THE BOROUGH OF ENGLISHTOWN**
Received more than ten (10) business days prior to closing/change of occupancy date: \$45.00
Received four (4) to ten (10) business days prior to closing/change of occupancy date: \$80.00
Received less than four (4) business days prior to closing/change of occupancy date: \$135.00

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Check #: _____ Inspection Date: _____

Amount: _____ Inspector Name: _____