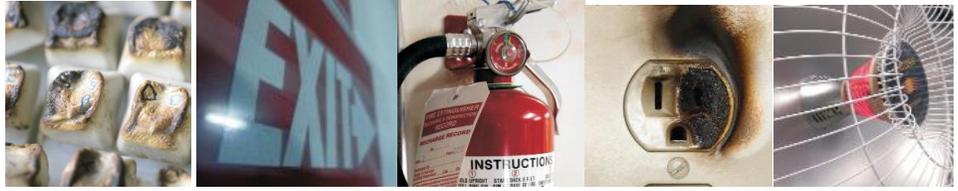


Are You Ready For Your Fire Inspection?

You have an upcoming Fire Safety Inspection scheduled with Texas City Fire. During the Fire Inspection, we evaluate your property for compliance with important fire and life safety regulations such as exiting, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, storage of combustibles, electrical hazards, and more. To help you prepare for your inspection, use this checklist of our top ten most frequently cited deficiencies. Make sure these violations don't exist on your property and it will help you pass your Fire Inspection the first time and keep your buildings safe year-round!

If you have any questions about the upcoming inspection, please do not hesitate to email our Fire Prevention Division at dharris@texas-city-tx.org



Top Fire Code Violations

- **Street address** must be clearly marked and visible (in contrasting color) from the street fronting the property.
- **Fire hydrants** located on your property must be visible and accessible at all times, with three feet of clearance on all sides and no parking within 10 feet.
- **Exit doors** must open easily from the inside. Locking mechanisms on doors shall not require special knowledge or keys. The only exception is a main storefront door with a sign above that reads “This door to remain unlocked when building is occupied.”
- **Aisles, walkways, stairways, and** paths leading to exits must be clear of storage and obstructions.
- **Emergency lights and exit signs** (that are lighted from within) must work properly and function in both normal and emergency power mode. Lighted exit signs must be lit at all times.
- **Electrical outlets, junction boxes, and circuit breaker panels** must be covered, and outlets and junction boxes must have the appropriate cover plate.
- **Electrical extension cords** cannot be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords are only approved for “temporary use” (operating a vacuum cleaner, powering a tool while making a repair, etc.). Multi-outlet power strips with a built-in circuit breaker may be used to protect computers and related equipment.
- **Fire extinguishers** must be visible, readily accessible, mounted and serviced within the past 12 months.
- **Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems** shall be serviced and tested at least once a year by a licensed fire protection contractor.
- **Fire suppression systems for commercial cooking operations** (Hood Systems) must be serviced and tested at every six months by a licensed fire protection contractor.
- **Operational Permits** must be current and available upon request of Fire Official.

