



Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services

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Wheaton, MD 20902
240-777-0311 or 311 in Montgomery County
montgomerycountymd.gov/dps



CLEAN AGENT INSPECTION PROCESS

ALL ISSUED PERMITS MUST BE INSPECTED BY DPS

All fire alarm and fire protection permits issued must be inspected by **DPS FIRE PROTECTION** inspectors prior to the system being considered approved and completed. Please read carefully and follow the information below to ensure that your system work is installed and approved in a manner compliant with all applicable codes and standards.

Prior to requesting a fire alarm permit inspection, the building must be posted for not less than 24 hours prior to the inspection request, the system shall be pre-tested and the fire alarm control panel shall be clear of any trouble or supervisory signals. The fire alarm system must be called out with Montgomery County Emergency Communications (240.683.6520) prior to any system testing.

Inspection requests made before 12 noon will be scheduled for the next working day, requests made after 12:00 noon will be scheduled within two working days. *A DPS inspector will contact you regarding the approximate time that they plan to arrive at the inspection site.*

The permit, approved plans and all attached notes, comments and/or inspection reports shall be kept on the site and available for immediate review until the project has received final DPS approval. The permit must be conspicuously posted.

The following is a list of inspection types available for scheduling, a description of the inspection type and responsibilities of the applicant/person scheduling the inspection. Additional information and/or scheduling assistance is available by call 240.777.0311.

- 277 WET CHEMICAL** – A functional test of the piping system used to deliver a normally aqueous extinguishing agent and to ensure the proper installation of a wet chemical extinguishing system. This inspection is performed after the system is installed and tied into the main building fire alarm system when provided. **DPS requires a “bag test” be performed for all wet chemical systems.**
- 278 DRY CHEMICAL** – A functional test of the piping system used to deliver a powder designed to extinguish fire and to ensure the proper installation of a dry chemical extinguishing system. This inspection is performed after the system is installed and tied into the main building fire alarm system where provided. **DPS requires an air test for all dry chemical systems.**
- 279 CO₂, CLEAN AGENT**– A functional test of a gaseous fire extinguishant and to ensure the proper installation of a clean agent extinguishing system. This inspection performed after the area of construction and the installation of the system is completed and tied into the fire alarm. **The contractor is responsible for ensuring that all equipment is present which may be necessary to test/approve the system at the time of DPS inspection.**



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Overtime inspections are offered based on DPS inspector availability and receipt of payment prior to the inspection being scheduled. Overtime inspections may be scheduled by calling 240.777.0311, by speaking directly with a DPS inspector or, by visiting DPS offices. Please note that there is a fee associated with overtime inspections, the cost of which may be found in the DPS Fee Schedule.