



## Home Fire Sprinkler Systems

**Missouri state law requires that purchasers of new homes be offered the option of installing a home fire sprinkler system.**

When you purchase a new home, one of the most important decisions you will make is whether or not to install a home fire sprinkler system. A United States Fire Administration report shows that your chances of dying in a home fire are reduced by 82% when you have working smoke alarms and a home fire sprinkler system. Property losses from fires also drop dramatically to an average of \$2,166 in homes with fire sprinklers, down from an average of \$45,019 in homes without them according to a 15 year study of fires in homes in Scottsdale, AZ, where most homes have fire sprinklers.

This sheet is designed to answer common questions homebuyers have about home fire sprinkler systems.

**I have smoke alarms, isn't that enough?** *Smoke alarms are a critical tool in protecting you and your family, but they only notify you of a fire. Home fire sprinklers are designed to actually control the fire allowing you time to escape. Many times, the fire is extinguished before the fire department even arrives.*

**But what about water damage?** *A home fire sprinkler system uses a small fraction of the water used by firefighter's hoses and only the sprinkler closest to the fire activates. Remember, almost everything will dry out, nothing will "unburn"!*

**Aren't fire sprinklers ugly?** *Home fire sprinklers are much smaller than their commercial counterparts. Also, home fire sprinklers can be installed with cover plates that come in a variety of colors. Those cover plates conceal the sprinkler until it is activated by a fire.*

**Will my insurance rates be affected?** *Many insurance companies offer discounts of up to 30% for home fire sprinkler systems. Contact your agent for more information.*

**How expensive are home fire sprinkler systems?** *Studies show that the national average for home fire sprinkler systems is \$1.61 per square foot. Your builder can provide you specific pricing information for your situation.*

**Where can I get more information on home fire sprinkler systems?** *The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition has an excellent informational website. To visit it, go to [www.homefiresprinkler.org](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org). Of course, you can always contact the Belton Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at (816) 331-7969 for more information.*



City of Belton – Belton Fire Department  
**Residential Fire Sprinkler Option Form**

**Congratulations on the purchase of your new home!**

**MO State law requires that the purchaser of a new home be offered the option of a residential sprinkler system. This form is part of that “mandatory option” requirement.**

Question	Yes	No
1. Was the option of installing a residential fire sprinkler system offered to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Were you provided with educational materials on residential fire sprinkler systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Did you choose to purchase a residential fire sprinkler system for your new home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If not, what was the reason for the decision? (circle one)

*Cost*                      *Don't feel it's necessary*                      *Maintenance concerns*                      *Uncertainty*

4. Type of home purchased: (circle one)    *Ranch*    *Two-story*    *Other:* \_\_\_\_\_

Basement? (circle one)    *Yes*    *No*

5. Price of fire sprinkler system: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Size of home in livable square feet: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Home constructed for: (circle one)    *Customer*    *Inventory*

8. Have you ever seen a fire sprinkler demonstration?                         

9. Do you understand that only the sprinkler closest to the fire activates?                         

Purchaser Name:	Date:
Purchaser Address:	Purchaser Phone:
Purchaser Signature:	Building Company:

**A copy of this form shall be included with the information submitted to obtain a building permit from the City of Belton. For questions call the Fire Marshal's Office at (816) 331-7969.**

**Thank you!**