



DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
Department of Permits and Inspections

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General Information Regarding Sprinklers

SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS

The State Of Maryland establishes licensing requirements for persons who inspect, test, perform maintenance, install, repair, modify, or lay out fire sprinkler systems in any residential or commercial building in Maryland. Licensing is conducted through the Maryland State Fire Marshal's office. This license is required prior to making a Sprinkler Fire Suppression Permit application in Frederick County. A list of licensed sprinkler contractors can be found on the State Fire Marshals webpage. <http://www.mdsp.org/Organization/OfficeoftheStateFireMarshal.aspx>

SPRINKLER (SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS) PERMITS

Applications are accepted only from licensed installers for the sprinkler permit -AFTER the building permit is approved. The review of the plans & calculations are completed by the Office Of Life Safety, a department of Frederick County's Community Development Division. Information regarding fee schedules, applications & plan requirements can be found on our webpage.

SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS

Typical residential inspections include insulation, visual leak test and a final. The final ensures that sprinkler heads provide proper coverage, trim rings in place & heads free of damage, paint or other foreign substance. Booster pumps and pressure/flow switches (if applicable) are tested at the final inspection. Request for inspections must be made by the installer of the sprinkler system. The inspections are conducted by the Office Of Life Safety Inspector's. **The Final Inspection must pass for the dwelling to receive the Use & Occupancy Certificate.**