



Tipp City Fire Department

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Portable Fire Extinguishers

How to identify the proper fire extinguisher

All ratings are shown on the extinguisher faceplate. Some extinguishers are marked with multiple ratings such as AB, BC and ABC. These extinguishers are capable of putting out more than one class of fire. Class A and B extinguishers carry a numerical rating that indicates how large a fire an experienced person can safely put out with that extinguisher. Class C extinguishers have only a letter rating to indicate that the extinguishing agent will not conduct electrical current. Class C extinguishers must also carry Class A and B rating.

Class A Fires: Fires in ordinary combustible materials, such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber and many plastics.

Class B Fires: Fires in flammable liquids, oils, greases, tars, oil base paints, and flammable gases.

Class C Fires: Fires which involve energized Electrical equipment. It is important that the extinguishing agent be nonconductive.

When To Fight The Fire.....

Fight the fire only if all of the following are true:

- Everyone has left or is leaving the building.
- The fire department is being called.
- The fire is small and confined to the immediate area where it started.
- You can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route.
- You are trained to use the extinguisher and know you can operate it.