

HAZLET TOWNSHIP BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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Fire Compliance Certificate of Inspection Checklist

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025** A Letter of No Interest certifying there are no open permits must be obtained from Hazlet Township Construction Department.
- **10 Year Sealed Battery Smoke detectors are required; battery smoke detectors will NOT be accepted**
- This list is not all inclusive, other items may be noted upon inspection.

The NJ Fire Code mandates the following for any change in occupancy and/or ownership

1. SMOKE DETECTORS

- Smoke Detectors may be 10 Year Sealed Battery or Interconnected (hard wired).
- Interconnected smoke detectors **MUST BE** maintained. They may NOT be replaced with the 10-Year Sealed Battery type.
- At least 1 Smoke Detector shall be on every level, including the basement, in close proximity to the stairway leading to the floor above. Levels that have bedrooms, detectors shall be within 10 feet of the bedrooms. Hazlet Twp. Fire Bureau also **requires** Smoke Detectors in all bedrooms.
- The smoke detectors should be mounted on the ceiling, but if it must be mounted on a wall, it must be 4 inches minimum and 12 inches maximum from the ceiling. They must also be 4 inches from any corner, and a minimum of 3 feet from any air registers.
- Smoke Detectors, including hard wired, **MUST BE** under 10-years old.
- Please be sure to refer to the manufacturer's instruction.

2. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- On each level that has sleeping areas and installed within 10 feet of the bedrooms.
- A CO detector is required in the attic if there is a fuel burning appliance.
- We recommend an additional CO detector in the vicinity of any fuel burning appliance.
- They can be mounted on ceilings or walls with no height restrictions.
- CO detectors must be under 5 years old.
- Please be sure to refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

3. SECONDARY POWER SOURCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

- As per PL 2025, c19, any supplemental power source requires a label to be installed within 18 inches of the main electrical panel.
 - Secondary power sources include, generators, solar panels, battery storage systems, or any other supplemental source of electrical energy to the primary power source.
- The label must be marked with the wording similar to **"CAUTION MULTIPLE SOURCES OF POWER"**
 - The DCA memorandum can be found on our website.

Other items that the Inspector will be checking

- **House Numbers** - The numeric address of the house must be clearly visible from the street and may not be obstructed by any truss, plants, or decorations. Should be at least 4" high.
- **Outside of property** – Outside property must be clean of trash, debris, high grass and weeds. No accumulation of rubbish of any kind.
- **Utilities** – All utilities must be functional. Water, Electric, Gas must be on.
- **Electric** – Wiring should not be frayed or disheveled. Dummy circuit breakers are required for spaces in the electrical panel. Electrical breaker panels must be properly marked, and cover must be on. There should be a 36" clearance in front of the panel.
- GFI outlets are required to be within 6 ft of all sinks. All GFI receptacles must trip when pushing the test button.
- Outlets, switches, and junction boxes must be properly covered.
- All entry doors that have deadbolt locks must have a thumb latch on the inside.
- Solid core wood or steel doors with a minimum 20-minute fire rating are required for entrances to the house from the garage.
- **Windows** – No broken glass, all 1st floor windows must have workable window locks. Windows must function properly.
- **Rails** – Handrails are required – Four risers or more.
- **Steps** – Must be sound and in good repair.
- **Dryer** – Metal flex hose is required (plastic hose not permitted).