



WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION PROJECTS

All permits may be applied for in person at Worcester Fire Prevention Office:
25 Meade Street, Room 100, Worcester, MA 01610, (508) 799-1822

1. Rubbish Containers (Dumpsters):

Rubbish Containers that exceed 6 aggregate cubic yards require a permit from the fire department in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0 1.12.8.5

Exceptions:

- Containers holding only non-combustible materials, such as scrap metal or concrete.
- Containers dropped off and removed from the site at the end of every work day.

It should also be noted that NFPA 241 requires all trash chutes to be certified as non-combustible or be equipped with temporary sprinkler protection.

Fire Department Permit Fee: \$25.00 per container and \$10.00 for each additional container on a particular site.

2. Hot Work:

All welding, torch cutting, grinding, torch applied roofing and torch paint removal requires a hot work permit per 527 CMR 1.0-1.12.8.23. In addition, all hot work requires an on-site evaluation to determine if a fire department detail will be required (527 CMR 1.0-41.3.5.1).

Fire Department Permit Fee: \$50.00

Detail Fee (if required): Budget \$80.00/hr. (2018 rates)

3. Sprinkler System Shutdown:

A shut-down permit shall be obtained by a licensed sprinkler contractor for any shut down of an existing sprinkler, standpipe, or other water-based suppression system in accordance with MGL 148 Section 27A and 527 CMR 1.0-13.1.8.

A mechanical permit shall be obtained from the Building Official for the modification or addition to an existing sprinkler system. New installations require a mechanical permit from the Building Official only. The Worcester Fire Department shall be notified (508-799-1753) any time a sprinkler or water-based fire protection system is shut down.

Sprinklers shut-down beyond working hours (overnight) require an approved impairment plan. Sprinkler and standpipe systems in buildings to be completely demolished are to remain in service until 48 hours prior to structural demolition.

Fire Department Permit Fee: \$50.00

4. Temporary Heaters:

All fuel fired temporary construction heaters require a permit from the fire department in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0-16.1.1.1, regardless of type of fuel in use. One permit shall be obtained per heating unit. Note that carbon monoxide detection is required in spaces where fuel burning temporary heaters are used in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0-16.2.1.16. Exception: Temporary electric heaters. Fire Department Permit Fee: \$50.00 per heater.

5. Fuel Storage:

All fuel stored on-site (including: CNG, LNG, LP, Propane, Acetylene, Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel & Heating oil) requires a fuel storage permit from the fire department in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0-1.12. This includes fuel on-site during the construction process to supply generators, heating equipment, vehicles and power tools.

Fire Department Permit Fee: \$50.00 per vessel up to 1,500 gallons. Permit fees vary for larger vessels.

6. Blasting:

All use and storage of explosives of any kind requires a permit in accordance with 527 CMR 1.0-65.9.2.

Fire Department Permit Fee: \$50.00

Required Detail Fee: Budget \$80.00/hr. (2018 rates)



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