

DO YOU KNOW THE FACTS

About Home Fire Sprinklers?

Myth: In a fire, all sprinklers spray water.

Fact: Each sprinkler works individually to detect a fire. In most home fires, just one sprinkler controls or puts out the flames.

Myth: Smoke alarms cause fire sprinklers to activate.

Fact: Smoke and smoke alarms can't set them off. Home fire sprinklers are activated by the high temperature of a fire surrounding the sprinkler. The sprinkler closest to the fire will open when the temperature reaches between 135°-165°F (57°-74°C). Water will flow from the sprinkler.

Myth: Damage from sprinkler water is worse than fire damage.

Fact: A home fire sprinkler uses about 1/10th the amount of water that fire hoses use, and with a lot less pressure. Home fire sprinklers control a fire while it is still small. That limits the damage.

Myth: Home fire sprinklers require costly inspections and maintenance.

Fact: It's easy to care for home fire sprinklers. A flow test should be done a couple of times a year (this can be done by the homeowner or a sprinkler contractor).

Myth: Home fire sprinklers will drive up insurance rates.

Fact: Shop around. Most insurance companies reward customers who protect their homes with fire sprinklers.

Fact: Fire Sprinklers Save Lives & Prevent Injuries

Fire sprinkler technology is tried and true. It's been saving lives and protecting property for more than 100 years. If you plan to build or buy, ask for home fire sprinklers.



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