

## Voluntary Compliance

The North Greenbush Building Department strives for voluntary compliance. The cost of preventing fire losses and injuries are much less than the potential costs of an actual fire or injury and possible litigation. Owners need to take an active role in fire and injury prevention. These are only minimal standards. The codes of today are the results of past tragedies involving death or injury of innocent people. Pro- active compliance saves the owner hassles from law-suits and liability minded individuals. It minimally protects the property investment and saves priceless lives in the end.

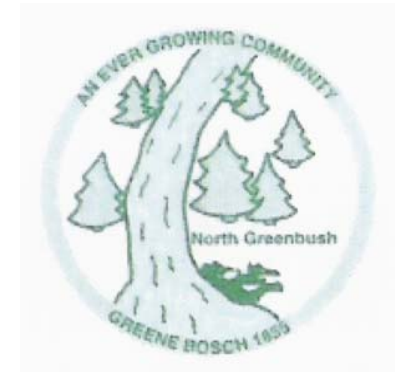


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## Town of North Greenbush

### Common Fire Code Violations



**A quick reference  
guide to  
understanding,  
commonly found fire  
code violations**

## Safe Buildings are No Accident



Apartments

### Smoke Detectors

Smoke Detectors are required in each bedroom and on the ceiling or wall outside each sleeping area and one on each floor. (FC 907.2.10.1.2)

### Records of Smoke Detectors/Batteries

The owner or operator shall keep records relating to the installation and replacement of batteries. (FC 1261.1)

### Portable Fire Extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher is required for each apartment and in common hallways, common laundry rooms, and mechanical rooms. These extinguishers should be inspected annually. (FC 906.1)

### Means of Egress

The means of egress shall be unobstructed (FC 1003)

### Egress Illumination

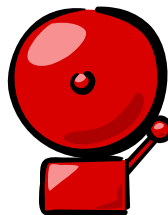
The means of egress common hallways shall be illuminated at all times. (FC 1003.2.11)

### Clearances

Working clearances of electrical panels, furnaces, and hot water heaters must be a minimum of 30 inches. (FC 605.3)

### Electric Wiring

Electrical hazards shall be abated, such as extension cords, defective light switches and outlets, and exposed wiring. (FC 605.1)



### Waste Accumulation

Combustible waste shall not be allowed to accumulate in buildings or upon premises. (FC 304.1)

### Open Flame Cooking Devices

Open flame cooking devices are prohibited on combustible decks or balconies (FC 307.5)

### Exterior Structure

The exterior structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound, and in sanitary condition. (PM 303.1)

### Interior Structure

The interior structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in sanitary condition (PM 304.1)