



Fire Inspection Program

What is the Fire Inspection Program?

In February 2025, the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance adopting the 2018 International Fire Code. With that adoption, the Township has instituted an annual Fire Inspection program for Commercial Businesses.

When will the Fire Inspection Program begin?

By early May 2025, the Township will be sending notification letters to all applicable businesses required to comply with the program. The Township will begin accepting inspection requests in June of 2025.

Is there a fee for the annual inspection?

There is a fee for the annual inspection, which is in accordance with the Solebury Township Fee Schedule. Below is the list of fees, which is based upon the square footage of the commercial space.

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| a. 999 sq. ft. or less | \$125 |
| b. 1,000 to 3,499 sq. ft. | \$175 |
| c. 3,500 to 12,499 sq. ft. | \$225 |
| d. 12,500 to 24,499 sq. ft. | \$325 |
| e. 24,500 to 49,999 sq. ft. | \$425 |
| f. 50,000 to 99,999 sq. ft. | \$575 |
| g. 100,000 + sq. ft. | \$1,100 |
| h. High Hazard | \$1,350 |

Who will be conducting the inspection?

The inspection will be conducted by an inspector from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.



How would I pay and schedule an inspection?

The Township will be implementing an online website option for business owners to apply for the inspection and pay for it. The inspector will then contact the applicant to schedule the inspection.

What items will the inspector be looking at?

1. All exit signs and emergency lighting must be in working order.
2. Business address numbers must be placed on any front and rear entrance doors leading into your business. Business address numbers are to be no less than 6 inches in height and clearly visible from the street.
3. All marked egress doors shall be unlocked during business hours.
4. All Egress aisleways shall be maintained to a minimum 36 inches clearance to egress exits. All marked exits shall be free of obstructions and be operational.
5. Combustible materials shall not be stored within 10 feet of the outside of the building (including dumpsters). No combustible materials are permitted to be stored in any mechanical room(s).
6. Household extension cords are not permitted in commercial businesses.
7. No multiplug adapters or multiplug extension cords are permitted in commercial businesses. Surge protected power strips are permitted.
8. Extension cords are not to be used as permanent wiring or run behind walls and ceilings.
9. Provide clearance of at least 36 inches between all gas and electrical service equipment.



10. Fire extinguishers shall be inspected and tagged annually. Fire extinguishers shall be mounted not less than 4" and no higher than 5' from the ground.
11. All fire alarm systems shall be inspected annually, and a fire alarm inspection report shall be provided to the inspector at the time of inspection.
12. All sprinkler systems shall be inspected annually, and a sprinkler system inspection report shall be provided to the inspector at the time of inspection.
13. Provide 18 inches of clearance below all sprinkler heads and keep sprinkler control valves clear of storage.
14. Kitchen hood and duct systems must be cleaned professionally and tagged according to the following schedule:
 - a) Wood burning or other solid fuels – Monthly
 - b) High Volume Cooking – Quarterly
 - c) Moderate Volume – Semi Annually
 - d) Low Volume – Annually
15. All fire protection systems and main electrical panel locations shall be properly identified with a sign that clearly states Fire Alarm, Sprinkler System, Electrical Room.
16. All fire protection systems must be accessible, including but not limited to fire alarm panels, sprinkler systems, and fire suppression systems.
17. If you have a generator, it must be serviced annually and provide a copy of the maintenance report to the inspector.



18. All electrical panels must be properly labeled, and any empty space(s) must have a panel blank or blank breaker. Beakers shall not be taped in any way and shall only have proper device(s) to keep in position.
19. No open wiring is permitted; open junction boxes must be covered.
20. If your business contains an FDC (Fire Department Connection), it must have a sign on the exterior and have accessibility.
21. All flammable liquids in a building must be stored in a flammable liquid cabinet.
22. All compressed gas cylinders, empty or full, not in use must be secured with a chain against a wall or in a rack.
23. A rapid entry system (Knox Box) is required for all businesses. If you currently have a Knox Box and the keys have been changed to access your business, contact the Township immediately to have the new keys placed in the box. These systems can be purchased at Knoxbox.com.

What happens if the inspection fails?

If the inspection fails, the inspector will provide a list for corrective action. If the inspector determines a reinspection must occur, the applicant is responsible for reinspection fees.

What does the Township provide after the inspection passes?

The Township will provide an inspection report if the inspection passes or fails. If the inspection passes, the Township will provide a certificate of completion or certificate of occupancy, depending on the nature of the inspection.