Types of Fire Extinguishers
Multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguishers are recommended for home use. Fire classifications are used to indicate the type of fire they will extinguish.

- **A** – For use with ordinary materials like cloth, wood, and paper.
- **B** – For use with flammable liquids like grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.
- **C** – For use with electrical equipment that is connected to an outlet.

Before Using a Fire Extinguisher
- Alert others that there is a fire and appoint someone to call 9-1-1.
- Make sure the fire is small, not spreading, and that you have a clear escape route.

The P.A.S.S. Method
- Pull the pin.
- Aim low. Stand six to eight feet away and point the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side until the fire is completely out.

Fire Extinguisher Maintenance
- Keep your extinguisher in plain view and out of the reach of children.
- Read and follow all instructions on the label and check for dents, corrosion or damage monthly.
- Non-rechargeable fire extinguishers should generally be replaced every five to seven years.
- Fire extinguishers are good for one use only. To dispose of an extinguisher, release the pressure by squeezing contents into a trash can. Let the extinguisher sit for 48 hours and then throw it in a trash can. You can also drop off used extinguishers at any household hazardous waste facility.