



MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Barn Fire Safety Checklist

Ensure the safety of your barn by following these essential steps to prevent fire hazards and ensure a safe environment for both workers and animals.

- **General Fire Prevention and Safety:**
- **Heat lamps and space heaters** are kept a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- **Heaters** are placed on sturdy surfaces and cannot fall over.
- All **electrical equipment** is labeled for agricultural or commercial use.
- **Wiring** is checked regularly to ensure it is free from damage.
- **Extension cords** are not used in the barn.
- **Lightbulbs** have covers to protect them from dust, moisture, and breakage.
- **Damaged equipment** is identified and repaired promptly with safety in mind.
- **Dust and cobwebs** around electrical outlets and lights are regularly removed.
- **Oily rags** are stored in a closed, metal container, away from heat.
- **Feed, hay, straw, and flammable liquids** are stored away from the main barn.
- The barn is a **smoke-free zone**.
- **Exits** are clearly marked, and pathways are kept clear.
- **Fire drills** are conducted frequently with all barn users.
- Workers are trained to properly use **fire extinguishers**.
- Everyone in the barn is aware that **personal safety** is the first priority if a fire breaks out.
- **Hazard checks** are conducted on a set schedule.

Recommended Safety Equipment:

- **ABC-type fire extinguishers** are installed near every exit and within 50 feet of any point in the barn.
- A **fire alarm system** is installed and properly maintained.
- A **sprinkler system** is installed in high-risk areas and regularly tested.
- **Carbon monoxide detection** systems are installed in areas with combustion equipment and checked regularly.

Learn More & Request a FREE Fire Safety Inspection

- Visit www.nfpa.org/farms to learn more about fire safety on the farm.
- For a **FREE fire safety inspection**, please contact **Fire Marshal Dave Kolosh** at dkolosh@manhattanfire.org.