



Short-Term Rental Inspections

Resources for Homeowners & Property Managers

Short-Term Vacation Rentals are a great solution for property owners to share their home with travelers who want to enjoy the Estes Valley. To help protect your investment and provide for the safety of our guests, below are a list of fire and life safety requirements from both Larimer County and EVFPD.



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A COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE

Regular Inspection & Operational Permit Fee

- All short-term vacation rentals require a regularly scheduled Fire & Life Safety Inspection, and a low annual Operational Permit fee that covers the cost of completing the inspection

Fire & Life Safety Inspection Key Requirements

- Larimer County or the Town of Estes Park assigned address numbers meeting fire district approved design on each unit



- Fire apparatus access to all short-term rental structures required for property to be designated fire code compliant
- Fire suppression water supply required for property to be designated fire code compliant
- All fire protection systems required by any authority overseeing the STR approval process shall be installed, maintained, inspected, and tested in accordance with applicable codes. This includes, but is not limited to, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, commercial-grade fire extinguishers, and stove-top fire extinguishment devices





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Fire & Life Safety Inspection Key Requirements (cont.)

- ❑ **Solid fuel burning** exterior appliances, including fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, briquette or pellet-burning devices, portable fire pits, or similar are not permitted for use by transient renters per the Larimer County Land Use Code and EVFPD support of that code requirement. **Gas-burning** outdoor devices are permitted when placed at least 15' away from combustibles, used to the manufacturer's specifications, and are constantly attended by an adult



- ❑ Fire Safety Evacuation Plans and any additional fire & life safety informational postings required by Larimer County and EVFPD shall be posted in accordance with standards
- ❑ All short-term rental properties shall comply with wildfire defensible space and combustible vegetation requirements per the Estes Valley Development Code and the Fire Code



- ❑ Fire district approved devices for safe disposal of smoking materials and fireplace ash are required



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