

Fire Suppression Training

Guidance



All fire suppression training must conform to the guidelines established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (NFPA 1403). NFPA 1403 provides guidelines for preparing a structure for a live fire training, choosing the proper fuel materials, and instructor qualifications. You can access this standard and the NFPA home page at www.nfpa.org. For questions about compliance with NFPA 1403, contact the Bureau of Fire Services at 517-241-8847 or Michigan.gov/bfs (click on “Fire Fighter Training Division”).

In addition to conforming to NFPA 1403, fire suppression personnel must comply with applicable environmental regulations and minimize the effect fire suppression training has on the environment. This guidance document includes measures to be considered prior to conducting fire suppression training.

- **Choose an acceptable location.** Training should not be conducted within two miles of a school, nursing home, hospital, or other public facility.
- **Contact residents that may be affected by smoke or odor.** The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) may require that the training be suspended immediately if complaints are received by the district office about the training exercise.
- **Choose an acceptable accelerant.** Straw, clean wood, or other non-hazardous materials are acceptable. Do not use tires, gasoline, garbage, furniture, or other hazardous materials. (Acceptable fuels are listed in NFPA 1403.)
- **Remove asbestos.** The building must be thoroughly inspected by an accredited asbestos building inspector and all asbestos must be removed by properly qualified personnel. To find a licensed contractor go to Michigan.gov/Asbestos and use the “[Verify A License/Accreditation](#)” database.

Notify EGLE

You must notify the EGLE Asbestos Program of asbestos removal and the intentional burn by completing and submitting the “Notice of Intent to Renovate/Demolish” form at least 10 working days prior to either activity. Please use the electronic submittal process by going to www.egle.state.mi.us/AsbestosNotification.

- **Register and then complete and submit the form electronically.** Any revisions can be made using this website. If you have any questions about complying with the asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and intentional burns, please review the resources posted at www.michigan.gov/air. (Click on the right side link “Asbestos NESHAP Program.”)
- **Remove all solid waste.** This includes furniture, appliances, scrap tires and household garbage. Solid waste materials cannot be burned as part of a training exercise. Waste materials removed from the premises should either be reused, recycled, or appropriately disposed.
- **Remove all household hazardous waste.** This includes hazardous materials in devices like mercury switches, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and any other hazardous materials (e.g., barrels of oil, paint cans, gasoline, thermostats that contain mercury). The contaminants emitted from the burning of these materials are extremely toxic and pose a health and safety risk to firefighters participating in the exercise and residents living nearby. For help disposing of household hazardous waste, see the list of [local household hazardous waste contacts](#) and [list of vendors who assist with household hazardous waste disposal](#).

- **Contact the appropriate EGLE, Air Quality program staff in the district office.** A list of EGLE district offices is provided below. A contact person for the training burn should be identified and communicated to the district office. The district office should be made aware of the training exercise because they respond to air quality complaints and will need to know about activities in the area that may be generating air pollution. They can also answer questions about what can and cannot be included in a fire suppression training.
- **Once the training is completed, dispose of remnants properly.** The remaining waste material from the fire suppression training should be hauled to an appropriate disposal facility. To get to solid waste program resources/details, go to [Michigan.gov/egleWaste](https://www.michigan.gov/egleWaste), and select the “Solid Waste” tab on the left side of the page. For assistance with local disposal options, contact EGLE’s solid waste program staff in the district office.

EGLE District Offices

Bay City District

401 Ketchum Street, Suite B
Bay City, MI 48708
Phone: 989-894-6200

Counties Served: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Isabella, Midland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, Sanilac, Tuscola

Cadillac District

120 W Chapin Street
Cadillac, MI 49601-2158
Phone: 231-775-3960

Counties Served: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, Wexford

Detroit Office

Cadillac Place, 3058 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 2-300
Detroit, MI 48202-6058
Phone: 313-456-4700

Counties Served: Wayne

Gaylord District

2100 West M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: 989-731-4920

Counties Served: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon

Grand Rapids District

State Office Building, 5th Floor 350
Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2341
Phone: 616-356-0500

Counties Served: Barry, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa

Jackson District

301 E Louis B Glick Highway
Jackson, MI 49201
Phone: 517-780-7690

Counties Served: Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw

Kalamazoo District

7953 Adobe Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Phone: 269-567-3500

Counties Served: Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren

Lansing District

Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan St.
Lansing, MI 48909
Ph: 517-284-6651

Counties Served: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Shiawassee

Marquette District Office

1504 West Washington Street
Marquette, MI 49855
Phone: 906-228-4853

Counties Served: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft

Warren District Office

27700 Donald Court.
Warren, MI 48092-2793
Phone: 586-753-3700

Counties Served: Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne

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