

**Circular 0173**

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Dear Residents,

**HOW TO OPERATE YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER:**

Please find the attached step by step instructions on how to operate a fire extinguisher.

Please take some time to go through this and educate yourself on how to operate the extinguisher. It will save you valuable time in knowing exactly how to extinguish a fire.

Warm Regard

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**Village Manager**



# HOW TO OPERATE YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Place the extinguisher on a flat surface, holding it with your left hand and twist the pin as indicated in the picture, to break the plastic seal.



With the plastic seal removed, pull out the metal pin.



Hold the extinguisher by the handle, point the nozzle towards the base of the flames and press down the handle and move with a sweeping motion



All houses are equipped with an A.B.C. 40% Mono Ammonium Phosphate Base extinguisher, in other words, a Dry Chemical Powder extinguisher.

Recommended uses of this particular extinguisher is as follows:

## **Class A fires - It insulates Class-A fires.**

Class "A" fires are caused by the burning of common combustible materials, such as wood, paper, or trash.

## **Class B fires - The powder breaks the chain reaction of Class-B fires by coating the surface to which it is applied**

Class B fires consist of flammable liquid or gas which include gasoline, oil, propane, and natural gas.

## **Class C fires - It is safe and effective for Class-C fires since it is a non-conductor of electricity.**

Class C fire deals with live electrical equipment and need to be put out with equipment that will not conduct its energy back to the user as in the case with water. Electricity can also cause Class A and B fires.



**BE AWARE AND  
STAY SAFE!**

