

Top 10 reasons to install fire sprinklers in your home

Every time I tell someone I design sprinkler systems, the first response I get is, "I'm thinking about putting one in my yard this summer." Then, when I clarify that I design FIRE sprinkler systems, I get, "That sounds...interesting." This typical exchange really gets my goat. Why is it that most people seem to be more willing to help maintain the area where their pets defecate than protect where they and their loved ones spend most of their time? I'm sure there are many reasons ranging from Hollywood's poor depiction to just plain ignorance and lack of information on the subject. But I digress. I give to you the top 10 reasons to install a residential fire sprinkler system in your home.**

10. Installation during new home construction costs no more than an upgrade in carpeting.
9. Having a residential fire sprinkler system installed in your home generally results in a decrease in your home insurance premiums.
8. 90% of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler (the sprinkler nearest to the fire).*
7. Home fire sprinklers are very reliable. They are at least as reliable as a home's plumbing systems and generally require less maintenance.
6. A single sprinkler (see #8) will use approximately 25 gallons of water per minute while a fire hose will use as much as 250. Also, the fire will grow uninhibited in the five to ten minutes or more it takes firefighters to respond. Please view the following link for an example of this comparison.*
<http://www.homefiresprinkler.org/Consumer/ConsWater.html>
5. Sprinklers can be installed so that they are very unobtrusive and aesthetically pleasing. Can you spot the sprinkler in the picture below?



4. Aside from opening the drain/test valve to check the alarm operation, residential fire sprinkler systems are essentially maintenance free. They are designed to provide 20+ years of worry free protection.

3. A residential fire sprinkler system along with functioning smoke alarms can reduce the risk of death in a home fire by 82%.*
2. Lawn sprinklers save your grass, fire sprinklers save your assets.



1. Protecting the lives of those we care most about.



*Statistics and supporting information provided by www.homefiresprinkler.org.

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