

KENTFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Fire Protection Standard 505

Asphalt Tar Kettles

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This standard is promulgated for the use of advising roofing contractors and applicators of conditions required by the Kentfield Fire Protection District for re-roofing and new roof installations pursuant to Uniform Fire Code Section 1105.

1. An Operator's Business License is required.
2. It shall be unlawful to transport or permit to be transported any asphalt kettle beneath which is maintained any open fire, heated coals or ashes over any highway, road or street.
3. Asphalt kettles shall not be used inside of or on the roof of any building.
4. There shall be at least one approved fire extinguisher with a minimum 20 BC classification rating within 30' of each asphalt kettle during the period such kettle is in use.
5. One additional approved fire extinguisher with a minimum 20 BC classification rating shall be on the roof being covered.
6. Fire extinguishers shall be serviced annually, when the required service tag is missing, after use, or when the gauge indicates recharge by a licensed fire extinguisher company.
7. The asphalt kettle shall be equipped with a tight fitting cover.
8. A kettle, when in operation, shall be placed a safe distance from any combustible material or buildings. A minimum of 20'.
9. An attendant shall be within 100' of the kettle at all times while the burner flame is on with no ladders or similar obstacles forming a part of the route to be taken to reach the kettle.
Exception: If the kettle is controlled by an operating thermostat, the above distance and route limitations do not apply.
10. Propane bottles shall be secured in a safe manner as to prevent them from being knocked over accidentally.
11. Failure to comply with this standard will result in the job being shut down. Three failures in any six month period will result in revocation of your business license and a stop order in the Public Works Department for issuance of further permits.