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# **DESERT SERVICES**

*The Ultimate in Construction Services*

**FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM**

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Fire Safety Program is to prevent fire-related incidents involving Desert Services' operations, with particular focus on roll-off containers (dumpsters) and portable jobsite (PJ) trailers. This program ensures compliance with OSHA standards, NFPA guidelines, and general best practices to protect employees, equipment, and project sites.

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## 2. Scope

This program applies to all Desert Services employees and subcontractors involved in:

- Placement, loading, or servicing of roll-off containers
  - Use or occupancy of portable jobsite trailers (PJs)
  - Any work performed near or within potential fire hazard areas
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## 3. Responsibilities

### A. Management

- Ensure fire safety procedures are implemented and enforced
- Provide fire extinguishers and related safety equipment
- Train employees on fire prevention and emergency response

### B. Employees

- Follow fire prevention procedures
  - Immediately report any fire hazards or incidents
  - Never dispose of prohibited or flammable materials in roll-offs
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## 4. Fire Prevention – Roll-Off Containers

- NO flammable or combustible materials (gasoline cans, oily rags, hot work debris, etc.) may be placed in any roll-off.
- Hot work debris (e.g., from cutting, grinding, welding) must cool down and be verified cold before disposal.

- Cigarette butts or smoking materials are strictly prohibited from being discarded into any container.
  - Roll-offs must be placed away from buildings, PJ trailers, fuel storage, and high-traffic areas (recommended: 20 feet minimum clearance).
  - Daily visual checks should be performed to ensure containers are free of unauthorized materials or smoldering waste.
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## 5. Fire Prevention – PJ Trailers

- All PJ trailers must be equipped with:
    - ABC-rated fire extinguisher mounted and accessible
    - Smoke detector (battery-operated or hard-wired)
    - Clear exits and unobstructed escape paths
  - Electrical devices and space heaters must be UL listed and used per manufacturer guidelines.
  - No storage of flammable liquids or combustible waste is allowed inside trailers.
  - Maintain clean workspaces to reduce fire load (no buildup of papers, rags, etc.).
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## 6. Fire Extinguishers

- All roll-off service vehicles and PJ trailers must be equipped with at least one 5 lb. ABC fire extinguisher.
  - Fire extinguishers must be:
    - Inspected monthly
    - Easily accessible
    - Tagged annually by a licensed vendor
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## 7. Hot Work Near Roll-Offs or PJs

- Hot work (cutting, welding, grinding) is prohibited within 35 feet of a roll-off or PJ unless:

- A hot work permit is issued
  - A fire watch is assigned
  - Nearby combustibles are shielded or removed
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## 8. Emergency Response Procedures

- In case of a fire:
    1. Activate emergency alarms if available
    2. Call 911 and report location and fire type
    3. Attempt to extinguish only if trained and safe to do so
    4. Evacuate the area and notify site supervisor immediately
  - Fires involving dumpsters or trailers should not be approached unless safe and a fire extinguisher is readily available.
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## 9. Training

- Fire safety training will be conducted annually for all employees, including:
    - Use of fire extinguishers (PASS method)
    - Roll-off material restrictions
    - Trailer safety procedures
    - Emergency response expectations
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## 10. Program Review

This Fire Safety Program will be reviewed annually or after any fire incident involving Desert Services equipment or job sites.