

CENTRAL MARIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Christmas Tree Flame Proofing

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The following requirements and information are applicable to those parties and/or individuals engaged in the application of flame-retardant treatments and solutions to Christmas trees.

These requirements are pursuant to Title 19 California Administrative Code, Chapter 8 California Fire Code, and local ordinances.

1. Any person or firm desiring to engage in the business of, or perform for a fee the act of, applying a flame-retardant chemical to any fabric or material shall first make application for registration as a "Flame-Retardant Application Concern" conforms provided by the State Fire Marshal available from the Fire Prevention Bureau. Separate applications shall be submitted for each separate place of business.
2. Only State Fire Marshal approved products, applied by State Fire Marshal applicators, may be used on trees that are required to be flame proofed.
3. A tag must be attached to treated trees indicating the date of treatment, name of applicator, and name and registration number of the chemical used (Go to following link)
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/flameretardant/CertOfFlameRest.pdf>
4. Trees placed in the following occupancies are to be flame retardant:
 - a. All schools and churches
 - b. Hotels and Motels
 - c. Hospitals, senior homes, jails, health clinics
 - d. Places of public assembly

Exception: Trees located in areas protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system with Groups A, E, M, R-1 and R-2. Trees shall be allowed within dwelling units in Group R-2 occupancies.

Note: Starting on December 1st, the State Fire Marshal and the local fire authority will be conducting inspection of Christmas tree sales lots to determine that applicators are licensed and that they are using approved chemicals in the proper manner. Those persons or firms in non-compliance with these regulations are subject to legal action.