

THINK SPRINKLER



Sprinkler Fund

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service are committed to protecting vulnerable members of the community. To protect the most vulnerable and to demonstrate the significant benefits of sprinklers we have set aside £250,000 this year to help towards the costs of installation.

Why Install Sprinklers?

Sprinklers have proven their value in fires time and time again. Here's what sprinklers could do for you:

- Reduce death and injury from fire
- Protect property
- Reduce costs of fire and disruption to business
- Reduce the environmental impact of fire
- Lower insurance costs

Who is Eligible?

Local Authorities, Housing Associations and Charities (and such non-profit organisations) and those at highest risk will be given priority access to the fund. Factors that may indicate premises could be considered high risk include:

- Used to house children or vulnerable adults
- History of fires at the premises
- Used to house residents with limited mobility
- High-rise premises
- Existing problems in achieving fire safety
- Potential risk to firefighter safety

How do I Apply?

Applying for funding is simple, just complete the Application Form overleaf. If a desktop assessment indicates sprinklers are an appropriate solution and the current position warrants further investigation then an ECFRS Fire Engineer will visit to assess suitability for the fitting of sprinklers. If the Fire Engineer's report and the application is approved you will be informed in writing of how much you will be awarded. The maximum award will be 50% of the cost. Grants will be paid within 30 days of a final inspection by ECFRS to ensure that the system is installed to the correct standard.

Sprinkler Myth Buster

There are some common misconceptions about sprinklers that might put you off:

- If one sprinkler goes off, so do the rest, causing water damage in the whole building. False – Only the sprinklers in the area of the fire will go off, preventing the fire from spreading to other rooms.
- They go off when there isn't a fire. The chances of this are rare, with modern technology sprinklers will not go off unless they're exposed to the kind of extreme temperatures generated by a fire, burning your toast won't do it.
- Sprinklers are unsightly and so unsuitable for the home. Wrong again – modern sprinklers can be made to blend with your walls and ceiling.

Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Our Values: Respect, Accountability, Openness and Involvement



Application for Sprinkler installation funding

Date of Application:		Applicant's Name:	
Organisation:		Position in Organisation:	
Contact Tel. No:		Email Address:	
Type of Premises:		Owner of Premises:	
Premises Address:		Year of Construction:	
Postcode:		No. of Floors:	
Number of Units/Flats:		No. of Occupants:	
Type of Construction:		If Leasehold how many years are remaining:	
Fire history (detail previous dates and details of known fires):		Approx. Cost of installation:	
		Value of funds requested:	
Supporting information:	Please detail below all relevant information to be taken into consideration in support of this application		
Date application received (ECRFS use):		Application ref. No. (For ECFRS use):	

Please post to: Sprinkler Fund, Technical Fire Safety Department, Kelvedon Park, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex CM8 3HB or email to wfs.web.enquiries@essex-fire.gov.uk

