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OMEGA FIRE SPRINKLER HEADS

If your home is protected with a residential fire sprinkler system, the Salinas Fire Department advises that you check for **Omega Series residential sprinkler heads** manufactured by Central Sprinkler Company. Properly functioning smoke alarms and fire sprinklers save lives when a fire occurs. With the Omega sprinklers, this line of defense may not be there when it is needed most.

Background: The City of Salinas has required fire sprinklers in all new construction since 1985. On October 14, 1998 the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Central Sprinkler Company announced the recall of all Omega fire sprinklers <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/1999/CPSC-Central-Sprinkler-Recall-Omega-Fire-Sprinklers-Settle-Lawsuit/>. The design of the Omega sprinkler head utilized a defective material for the o-ring. These sprinklers are defective and could fail to operate in a fire. Although, outreach of this recall occurred throughout the City after the 1998 recall, the fire sprinkler heads continue to be discovered in homes in Salinas. The Omega R-1M is the most common fire sprinkler discovered. These fire sprinklers were installed in the Creekbridge, Williams Ranch, and Harden Ranch subdivisions.

How do you know whether your home is equipped with Omega fire sprinklers. On most models you will be able to see three flat round metal disks stacked one above the other with a small space between each disk. Do not attempt to unscrew the sprinkler or shut down their sprinkler system to determine if you have Omegas. If you feel that your system contains Omega sprinklers contact a qualified fire protection company to assist you to identify and replace defective sprinklers in your home.

The recall of "Omega" sprinklers include models referred to or marked as follows:

R-1	R-1A	R-1M
HEC-12	HEC-12EC	HEC-12RES
EC-20A		



Note: Any work done on your residential sprinkler system must be performed by a California State Licensed C-16 Sprinkler Contractor. You may look in your Yellow pages for a list of contractors in your area. Do not attempt to remove sprinkler heads yourself.

Costs: The Salinas Fire Department will issue a **FREE** fire permit, but you are responsible for the cost for replacement sprinkler heads and the labor for the installation. We highly recommend you obtain at least three (3) quotes prior to signing a contract to have the work done.

Smoke Alarms and Fire Sprinklers Save Lives! The Salinas Fire Department remains strongly committed to the use of residential fire sprinklers as part of your overall family escape plan. Working smoke alarms and fire sprinklers in your home help reduce fatalities in a fire by 82 percent.

You should also develop and practice a home escape plan, and always ‘know two (2) ways out’ of each room.

If you need further assistance, please contact the Salinas Fire Department at (831) 758-7466 or access the Salinas Fire Department website at <http://www.ci.salinas.ca.us/>