



**West Des Moines Fire Department
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION
(515) 273-0643**

WEST METRO INSPECTION TAGS

WDM Fire Code 2021

The West Metro Fire Prevention Division inspection tag must be placed on all systems.

West Metro Tags are WHITE or RED. A WHITE tag is applied only if the system has been tested, inspected, and serviced according to approved standards. Any system that does not pass an inspection according to approved standards shall be tagged RED. If your employee tags a system WHITE that should be RED, your company may be held liable.

If the system is tagged RED, the permitted company must notify the West Des Moines Fire Marshal within 24 hours of red tagging a system. This may be done by fax at 515-222-3379, by email at fire@wdm.iowa.gov or by phone at (515) 273-0643.

Tags are to be punched or blacked out with a permanent marker for the appropriate year and month, type of system and whether the system is new, serviced (annual inspection) or repaired. This is to prevent tampering with the tag. The person tagging the system shall write his initials or name and the date legibly on the tag. The company assigned West Metro permit number is also required. The back side of the WHITE tag is primarily used by the occupant for building maintenance. Remember, you are tagging the system to show when it is due to be reinspected.

Only one tag on each system shall be used. Example: a building with a wet fire sprinkler, dry sprinkler system, fire pump, fire extinguishers, clean agent system and fire alarm system will require multiple tags – one for each system.

The tags were not designed for advertising. However, it is allowable for a business to place their own tag for advertising purposes in addition to the required West Metro tag. Advertising stickers placed on systems are also allowed.

For questions, call the West Des Moines Fire Prevention Division at 515-273-0643.

