



Monterey Park Fire Department Fire Prevention Division Information Bulletin

Subject: Warehouse/Storage Facility Storage Height Limit Requirements

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide details and descriptions of acceptable methods of limiting storage height within warehouse/storage facilities. Special methods are required because the use of the facility prevents Monterey Park Fire Department from inspecting individual self-storage units on a regular basis. The requirements for storage height limits contained herein shall be enforced in all warehouse/storage facilities.

The storage height limit within warehouse/storage facilities may not exceed 12 feet above finished floor. Additionally, in sprinklered buildings storage height must be limited to at least 18 inches below the sprinkler deflector throughout each sprinkler's coverage area. In non-sprinklered buildings storage height must be limited to at least 24 inches below the ceiling.

The following methods of limiting storage height are acceptable:

1. A physical barrier covering the entire storage area that does not create an obstruction to the sprinkler spray pattern as described in NFPA 13.
2. A red line at least three inches wide painted on all walls within the storage area with white stenciled letters at least two inches in height that read, "NO STORAGE ABOVE THIS LINE". The storage height limit will be measured to the bottom of the line.
3. A permanent red sign or sticker, on every wall within the storage area, at least 18 inches wide and 3-1/2 inches in height with the following information provided:
 - 3/4-inch white letters with a 1/8-inch stroke that read, "NO STORAGE PERMITTED ABOVE THIS LINE BY ORDER OF FIRE DEPT."
 - 1/4-inch horizontal white line shall be across the bottom of the sign that will be placed at the storage height limit.

**NO STORAGE PERMITTED
ABOVE THIS LINE
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Questions regarding specific applications should be addressed to Monterey Park Fire Department plan review staff.