

## PROVIDE SPARE FIRE SPRINKLER HEADS AND/OR COMPATIBLE WRENCH

### CODE SECTIONS

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**Section 6.2.9.1** A supply of spare sprinklers (never fewer than 6) shall be maintained on the premises so that any sprinklers that have operated or been damaged in any way can be promptly replaced. These sprinklers shall correspond to the types and temperature ratings of the sprinklers in the property. The sprinklers shall be kept in a cabinet located where the temperature to which they are subjected will at no time exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Section 6.2.9.6** A special sprinkler wrench shall also be provided and kept in the cabinet to be used in the removal and installation of sprinklers. One sprinkler wrench shall be provided for each type of sprinkler installed.

### EXPLANATION

Most spare fire sprinkler cabinets are located near the fire sprinkler riser. Inside should be at least six spare fire sprinkler heads. Each type of fire sprinkler utilized in the system shall be kept on hand, with an equal number of each type of fire sprinkler head. For example, for a system with both upright and pendant type fire sprinklers, at least three of each type should be kept in the cabinet. Additionally, a fire sprinkler head wrench should be stored in the sprinkler head cabinet for each type of fire sprinkler installed on the system.

### RATIONALE

Should a fire sprinkler in your system either activate or is damaged, you must put the fire sprinkler system back into service as soon as possible. This action will allow your sprinkler system to continue to protect your building. By providing both spare fire sprinkler head and a wrench to replace them, the fire sprinkler contractor can replace the fire sprinkler head and place your system back in service.