FIRE SPRINKLERS — GUIDE

What does a sprinkler inspection cost?

Request comparable quotes for sprinkler inspection and testing. Separate the base scope, special tests, reporting and corrective work.

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Get a written quote for your actual system. This guide does not give a national price range. The fetched technical sources define inspection and test tasks, not a market price survey. A number without a building scope would not be a reliable budget.

Define the work before asking for a price

Send each bidder the same equipment list and the last inspection report. Include system types, valve locations, fire pumps, standpipes and backflow assemblies. List access restrictions and the hours when work can take place. Ask the contractor to identify missing information before pricing.

The QRFS summaries distinguish recurring visual inspections from annual inspections and pump flow tests. Use that distinction in the quote request. Do not use “annual sprinkler inspection” as the entire scope if you also need separate pump or backflow work.

Ask for a clear price breakdown

| Quote item | Question to ask | |---|---| | Planned inspection and testing | Which assets and tasks does the price cover? | | Other system work | Are pump, standpipe and backflow tests included or separately quoted? | | Access and attendance | Who provides access, escorts or access equipment? | | Reporting | Does the price include the report and any required submission? | | Corrective work | What needs separate approval and how will it be priced? | | Exclusions | What work remains your responsibility? | | Commercial terms | What currency, taxes, travel charges and quote expiry apply? |

These are questions, not claims that a fee always applies. Leave a blank cell unresolved. Do not read it as a zero charge.

Keep repairs separate from the base quote

Inspect Point's service quoting article describes corrective proposals built from inspection deficiencies. That is a different purchase decision from the planned visit. Ask for the defect reference, proposed action, parts, labour and completion evidence for each repair. Do not assume the inspection fee includes fixing every finding.

Compare the total for the same accepted scope. If a bidder excludes a test, ask for its price before comparing totals. If a task is not applicable, ask for that conclusion in writing with its basis.

After the visit

Match the invoice to the accepted quote and approved changes. Save the report, submission receipt if applicable, and repair closure records. Update the task register from completed work. Keep a note of work still due so a low invoice does not hide an incomplete visit.

Sources

- QRFS, Dry Sprinkler System NFPA 25 Inspections: Daily, Weekly, Monthly. Fetched 2026-11-10.
- QRFS, Dry Sprinkler Inspections: Quarterly, Yearly, Longer. Fetched 2026-11-10.
- QRFS, A Guide to the Annual Fire Pump Flow Test. Fetched 2026-11-10.
- Inspect Point, Estimating vs. Service Quoting Software. Fetched 2026-11-10.

For information only. Confirm the adopted code, local rules and system requirements with the authority having jurisdiction and a qualified contractor.

Frequently asked questions

Can this guide give a price for my building?

No. Request a written quote for your system inventory and required work. No verified national inspection price range is used here.