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SPECIAL BULLETIN 2011-07 FIRE SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY EFFECTIVE DATE

March 31, 2011

TO: CMHI Retailers
Manufacturers
Developers/Community Owners
Suppliers

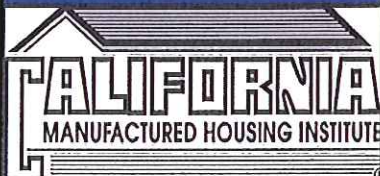
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As you were previously notified in Special Bulletin 2011-04, San Bernardino County has passed an ordinance requiring fire sprinklers in manufactured homes and multi-family manufactured homes installed in the unincorporated areas over which it has jurisdiction.

In a meeting with fire officials, CMHI requested an exemption for retail inventory. We suggested that the date of manufacture of the home be the trigger that determines if a manufactured home is required to have fire sprinklers.

In response to our request, I have received a letter from the SBCFD confirming the following:

1. Fire sprinklers are required in all manufactured homes for which the date of manufacture is on or after January 14, 2011 and the home is installed in an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County over which the County has jurisdiction.
2. San Bernardino County does not have jurisdiction over land-lease communities (M/H parks). Therefore fire sprinklers are not required in m/homes installed in m/home parks in the unincorporated areas of the county.



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3. Any used m/home that is relocated to property outside a m/home park within the county's jurisdiction will be subject to fire flow requirements (available water supply for firefighting). Meeting fire flow requirements can be accomplished by making improvements to the public supply, providing an approved stored source of water or installing residential fire sprinklers.
4. When fire sprinklers are required in m/home they must be designed and installed in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 25.

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