



BEECHER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX LEASE PROGRAM

The Beecher Fire Protection District has started a residential Knox HomeBox program available to residents with special needs. A Knox HomeBox is a rapid-entry system designed to provide secure emergency access to a home or property to those living alone or with a history or medical or mobility issues.

How the Program Works

When a fire breaks out or there is a medical emergency, a Knox HomeBox allows the Fire District to gain immediate access to the home without forced entry damage or delay. The boxes are a metal box with a door hanger attached and are meant to be placed over the top of the resident's front entry door. Inside the box, a key to the residence is securely placed for access by the Beecher Fire Protection District.



Please keep in mind...

- The lease fee is \$30.00 for a 6-month period, payable in advance. Should the lease be terminated prior to the end of the 6-month period, the fee is non-refundable. At the end of the 6-month period, you will be given the option to purchase a Knox Box for your personal use or to renew your lease, at a charge of \$30.00, for a final 6-month period. At the end of the second 6-month period, the box must be returned to the Beecher Fire Protection District.
- The Knox HomeBox will remain the property of the Beecher Fire Protection District and is only leased to residents for use at the address listed on the application
- The Knox HomeBox shall be hung on the front door and participants are to provide the Fire District with a key to the door
- Should the resident ever change the door locks, it is the resident's responsibility to notify the Fire Department and provide the Beecher Fire Protection District with the new door key
- The leased Knox HomeBox shall be returned to the Beecher Fire Protection District when the original participant no longer resides at the property address or when they no longer have use for the box

For information on obtaining a loaner Knox HomeBox through the Beecher Fire Protection District or to purchase a Knox HomeBox of your own, please call (708) 946-6585 Ext 4009.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be deemed eligible and loaned a Knox HomeBox from the Beecher Fire Protection District a person must:

- Reside within the boundaries of the Beecher Fire Protection District.



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- Have an existing medical or physical condition (short-term or long-term) that could render them unable to open a locked door in the case of an emergency (i.e. individuals recuperating from a hospital stay or awaiting placement in an assisted living or skilled nursing facility).
- Fill out a Residential Knox HomeBox Program application and follow the program rules.
- Sign the Knox HomeBox lease application and abide by the agreement