

Placards for vacant/abandoned structures



Town residents will notice new red and white signs (placards) posted on vacant/abandoned buildings around the Town. They are now required by New York State Code. These signs are notification signs for the Town Firefighters; they are designed to indicate the safety level of the structures and whether or not firefighters should enter the building in the event of a Fire.

Placards shall be 24 inches by 24 inches in size with a red background, white reflective stripes and a white reflective border. The stripes and border shall have a 2-inch stroke.

Placard symbols. The design of the placards shall use the following symbols:

(□) This symbol (an empty square) shall mean that there are no known structural or interior hazards.

(/) This symbol shall mean that structural or interior hazards may exist and interior fire-fighting or rescue operations should be conducted with extreme caution.

(X) This symbol shall mean that structural or interior hazards exist to a degree that consideration should be given to limit fire fighting to exterior operations only, with entry only occurring for known life hazards.

Please note that use of these symbols shall be informational only and shall not in any way limit the discretion of the on-scene incident commander.