New York State Appliance Standards



Gas Fireplaces

New York State adopted appliance standards that set energy efficiency requirements for gas fireplaces manufactured on and after **June 26, 2023**. Products manufactured before **June 26, 2023** are not in-scope of the regulations.

The New York State regulations apply to gas fireplaces that meet the following definitions:

- Decorative gas fireplace: A vented fireplace, including appliances that are freestanding, recessed, zero clearance, or a gas fireplace insert, that is fueled by natural gas or propane, is marked for decorative use only, and is not equipped with a thermostat or intended for use as a heater.
- Heating gas fireplace: A vented fireplace, including appliances that are freestanding, recessed, zero clearance, or a gas fireplace insert, that is fueled by natural gas or propane and is not a decorative fireplace.

Appliance Standard Requirements

In order to be sold, leased, or rented in New York State, gas fireplaces manufactured on and after June 26, 2023 must meet the following requirements:

- They shall be capable of automatically extinguishing any pilot flame when the main gas burner flame is extinguished;
- They must prevent any ignition source for the main gas burner flame from operating continuously for more than seven days; and
- Decorative gas fireplaces must have a direct vent configuration, with exceptions allowed for decorative units marked "for replacement use only."

How to Comply

Manufacturers who sell gas fireplaces in New York State will be required to meet the performance and certification requirements for products manufactured on and after June 26, 2023. Each product must be certified to the State Appliance Standards
Database (SASD) in order to be sold or offered for sale, leased or offered for lease, or rent or offered for rent in the state.

Any entity involved in the selling, leasing, renting, or installation of gas fireplaces, including retailers, distributors, and installers, should verify their products are compliant by confirming that their offerings are listed in the SASD.

For more information on certifying and verifying products in the SASD, review the <u>New York State Appliance and Equipment</u> Efficiency Standards: Compliance Requirements Fact Sheet.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do these regulations apply to both indoor and outdoor fireplaces?

Yes, the regulations apply to both indoor and outdoor fireplaces, including directly vented outdoor gas fireplaces. Vent-free outdoor gas fireplaces are not within scope of the regulations.

Do we need to use the CSA P4 test procedure?

No, New York State does not require testing to P4.

Are safety standards included in the regulation of gas fireplaces?

Safety standards such as ANSI Z21.50/CSA 2.22 and ANSI Z21.88/CSA 2.33 cover gas fireplaces. The New York State efficiency regulations are complimentary to these safety standards.

Is there a seven-day shut off requirement as part of the regulations?

The regulations state that gas fireplaces must prevent any ignition source for the main gas burner flame from operating continuously for more than seven days. The intention is for seven days to be counted from last use of the main burner. Some gas fireplaces do not require a pilot light or only turn on the pilot light during the ignition period; these products already comply with this part of the requirement. The New York regulatory language is consistent with requirements already in place in other states and aligns with market best practices.

Who is responsible for ensuring compliance?

The entire supply chain has responsibilities within the compliance process. This includes manufacturers, distributors, dealers, retailers, installers, contractors, and leasing companies. For detailed responsibilities for all market actors, refer to the New York State Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Fact Sheet – Consumer Products Compliance Requirements.

Are there fees associated with certifying product data to the SASD?

No, for details on how to certify product data to the SASD, please refer to the <u>New York State Appliance and Equipment</u> Efficiency Standards Fact Sheet — Consumer Products Compliance Requirements.

Do the regulations apply to gas logs?

Gas log sets are available as either vented or unvented. The regulations do not apply to unvented gas logs but do apply to vented gas logs. A vented gas log set must demonstrate compliance with the pilot light and continuous flame requirements of the New York State Appliance Standards Regulation for Decorative Gas Fireplaces.

Additional Resources

- Compliance Policies and Procedures Manual: Provides a comprehensive overview of compliance processes and procedures.
- Appliance Standards Awareness Project Gas Fireplace Fact Sheet: Overview of state appliance efficiency standards for gas fireplaces.
- Final Rule: Contains standard and test procedure requirements for regulated products.
- For additional guidance, NYSERDA's <u>Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards</u> website or contact NYSERDA at <u>appliancestandards@nyserda.ny.gov</u>. For questions on the SASD, contact <u>SASD@energy-solution.com</u>.

Are you aware of a manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or leasing agency that needs compliance support? If so, email us at ApplianceStandards@nyserda.ny.gov or call 1-(866)-NYSERDA so that we can provide assistance.

