



Washington State Patrol
Fire Protection Bureau
Phone: (360) 596-3900

Business Name Merrill Gardens at Auburn
Address 18 1 ST SE,
City, State, Zip Auburn, WA 98001

Provider Number 2506
Approval Status Disapproved
Facility Type Residential Care

On 08/12/2025 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement

Statement of Violation

1 Administration

You are approved for a 30 day extension. Please let us know if you complete the corrections before the 30 days

A re-inspection was conducted on 8/12/2025 at Merrill Gardens at Auburn. The following deficiencies were not corrected:

2 Burning Objects

Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars, or other burning objects shall not be discarded in such a manner that could cause ignition of other combustible material.

(IFC 310.7 2021)

CORRECTED.

3 Extension Cords

Extension cords. Extension cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 817. Extension cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances. Extension cords marked for indoor use shall not be used outdoors..

(IFC 603.6 2021)

CORRECTED.

4 Ampacity

The ampacity of the extension cords shall be not less than the rated capacity of the portable appliance supplied by the cord.

(IFC 603.6.2 2021)

CORRECTED.

5 Smoke Barriers

The fire-resistance rating and smoke-resistant characteristics of smoke barriers shall be maintained.

(IFC 701.3 2021)

CORRECTED.



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6 Penetrations - Maintaining Protection

Materials and firestop systems used to protect membrane and through penetrations in fire-resistance-rated construction and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke shall be maintained. The materials and firestop systems shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction being penetrated with no openings visible through or into the cavity of the construction. Where the system design number is known, the system shall be inspected to the listing criteria and manufacturer's installation instructions.

(IFC 703.1 2021)

CORRECTED.

7 Door Operation

Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically.

(IFC 705.2.4 2021)

The following violations were observed and not corrected at the time of reinspection:

The following fire doors did not latch during testing:

1. Resident room 320
2. Corridor door by room 320

- Rehabilitation room door was propped open.



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8 Portable Fire Extinguishers - General Requirements

Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed and maintained in accordance with this section and NFPA 10.

Exceptions:

1. The distance of travel to reach an extinguisher shall not apply. The travel distance to reach an extinguisher shall not apply to the spectator seating portions of Group A-5 occupancies.

2. Thirty-day inspections shall not be required and maintenance shall be allowed to be once every three years for dry-chemical or halogenated agent portable fire extinguishers that are supervised by a listed and approved electronic monitoring device, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

2.1. Electronic monitoring shall confirm that extinguishers are properly positioned, properly charged and unobstructed.

2.2. Loss of power or circuit continuity to the electronic monitoring device shall initiate a trouble signal.

2.3. The extinguishers shall be installed inside of a building or cabinet in a noncorrosive environment.

2.4. Electronic monitoring devices and supervisory circuits shall be tested every 3 years when extinguisher maintenance is performed.

2.5. A written log of required hydrostatic test dates for extinguishers shall be maintained by the owner to verify that hydrostatic tests are conducted at the frequency required by NFPA 10.

3. In Group I-3, portable fire extinguishers shall be permitted to be located at staff locations.

(IFC 906.2 2021)

CORRECTED.

9 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance

The maintenance and testing schedules and procedures for fire alarm and fire detection systems shall be in accordance with Sections 907.8.1 through 907.8.5 and NFPA 72. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained.

(IFC 907.8 2021)

The following violations were observed and not corrected at the time of reinspection:

Breaker Panel 31B does not have a label on the outside indicating Fire Alarm circuit.



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10 Emergency Lighting Equipment Inspection and Testing

Emergency lighting shall be maintained in accordance with Section 1008 and shall be inspected and tested in accordance with Sections 1031.10.1 and 1031.10.2.

(IFC 1032.10 2021)

CORRECTED.

11 Reliability

Required exit accesses, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the building area served by the means of egress is occupied. An exit or exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose that interferes with a means of egress.

(IFC 1032.2 2021)

CORRECTED.

12 Maintenance

Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required.

(IFC 1203.4 2021)

CORRECTED.

13 Security

Compressed gas containers, cylinders, tanks and systems shall be secured against accidental dislodgement and against access by unauthorized personnel in accordance with Sections 5303.5.1 through 5303.5.3.

(IFC 5303.5 2021)

CORRECTED.



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Business Name	Merrill Gardens at Auburn	Provider Number	2506
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City, State, Zip	Auburn, WA 98001	Facility Type	Residential Care

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Code Requirement	Statement of Violation
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14 Fire Drills

In all Group I, Group E, and Group R2 Occupancies licensed by the state, at least twelve planned and unannounced fire drills shall be held every year. Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift in Group I and Group R2, Occupancies and monthly in Group E Occupancies to familiarize personnel with signals and emergency action required under varied conditions. A detailed written record of all fire drills shall be maintained and available for inspection at all times. When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. Fire drills shall include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency conditions. The fire alarm monitoring company shall be notified prior to the activation of the fire alarm system for drill purposes and again at the conclusion of the transmission and restoration of the fire alarm system to normal mode.

(WAC 212-12-044)

CORRECTED.

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 09/11/2025

Right of appeal. Any person may appeal any decision made by the Fire Protection Bureau in accordance with WAC 212-12.

Owner or Authorized Representative

Signature

Print Name and Title

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Business Name Merrill Gardens at Auburn

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Facility Type Residential Care

On 04/09/2025 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement

Statement of Violation

1 Administration

On 04/10/2025 an unannounced Fire and Life Safety Code inspection was conducted at Merrill Gardens at Auburn by a representative of the Washington State Patrol, State Fire Marshal's Office to determine compliance with all applicable codes.

The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection:

2 Burning Objects

Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars, or other burning objects shall not be discarded in such a manner that could cause ignition of other combustible material.

(IFC 310.7 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

There were cigarette butts found discarded on turf grass adjacent to the trash cans, located approximately 30 feet from the facility generator.

3 Extension Cords

Extension cords. Extension cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 817. Extension cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances. Extension cords marked for indoor use shall not be used outdoors..

(IFC 603.6 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

There are extension cords used as permanent wiring in the following locations:

1. Memory care by medication room unapproved power tower
2. Power adapter in room 413
3. Room 320
4. Business Office -1st floor
5. General manger office - 1st floor

4 Ampacity

The ampacity of the extension cords shall be not less than the rated capacity of the portable appliance supplied by the cord.

(IFC 603.6.2 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

There is an oxygen concentrator plugged into an unapproved power strip in room 320.



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Code Requirement

Statement of Violation

5 Smoke Barriers

The fire-resistance rating and smoke-resistant characteristics of smoke barriers shall be maintained.

(IFC 701.3 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

False ceiling to the right of the kitchen hood is missing a panel.

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(IFC 703.1 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

Penetrations in fire-resistance-rated construction were found in the following places:

1. Elevator room on 4th floor
2. Main electrical room
3. Electrical room by business office
4. Mechanical room by library

7 Door Operation

Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically.

(IFC 705.2.4 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

The following fire doors did not latch during testing:

1. Trash room by room 410
2. Room 320
3. Corridor door by room 320
4. Closet in main electrical room named standby system
5. Storage room in garage near parking spot 61
6. Dry storage kitchen- Door hardware missing which prevented latching

Door in the rehabilitation room was found propped open using a wheelchair.



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2.3. The extinguishers shall be installed inside of a building or cabinet in a noncorrosive environment.

2.4. Electronic monitoring devices and supervisory circuits shall be tested every 3 years when extinguisher maintenance is performed.

2.5. A written log of required hydrostatic test dates for extinguishers shall be maintained by the owner to verify that hydrostatic tests are conducted at the frequency required by NFPA 10.

3. In Group I-3, portable fire extinguishers shall be permitted to be located at staff locations.

(IFC 906.2 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

Fire extinguisher undercharged in passage to garden house memory care.

Tamper seal was not changed during annual servicing throughout the facility.

Per NFPA 10 7.3.2.2.1

After the applicable maintenance procedures are completed, a new listed tamper seal shall be installed.



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(IFC 907.8 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

The following panels and breaker numbers did not have marking stating there are being utilized for a fire alarm system:

1. Panel 3B1 Breaker 4
2. Panel 3A1 Breaker 14
3. Panel K2 Breaker 27

NFPA 72 10.6.5.2.3

For fire alarm and/or signaling systems, the circuit disconnecting means shall have a red marking.

10 Emergency Lighting Equipment Inspection and Testing

Emergency lighting shall be maintained in accordance with Section 1008 and shall be inspected and tested in accordance with Sections 1031.10.1 and 1031.10.2.

(IFC 1032.10 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

Documentation is missing for the 30-second monthly activation test of both exit signs and emergency lighting for November 2024.

The following emergency lights did not work during testing:

1. Stairwell D
2. Stairwell C

11 Reliability

Required exit accesses, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the building area served by the means of egress is occupied. An exit or exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose that interferes with a means of egress.

(IFC 1032.2 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

The following path of egresses blocked during inspection:

1. Memory care by Medication room blocked by a medication cart
2. Private dinning area blocked by table and chairs
3. Dinning area blocked by a chair



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12 Maintenance

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(IFC 1203.4 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

No documentation was provided for the required weekly generator log for the first week of August 2024.

13 Security

Compressed gas containers, cylinders, tanks and systems shall be secured against accidental dislodgement and against access by unauthorized personnel in accordance with Sections 5303.5.1 through 5303.5.3.

(IFC 5303.5 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

The following location had unsecured oxygen cylinders:

1. Three cylinders in resident room 335

The Active Living office had unsecured helium

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(WAC 212-12-044)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

No night shift fire drill was conducted in March 2025, and no swing shift fire drill was conducted in September 2024.



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Next inspection scheduled on or after: 05/09/2025

Right of appeal. Any person may appeal any decision made by the Fire Protection Bureau in accordance with WAC 212-12.

Owner or Authorized Representative

Signature

Print Name and Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal Damon Roberson
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Bellevue WA 98007
(360) 584-4392

Signature

Initials of Authorized Facility Representative: _____