

The logo for the Town of Winhall Vermont features the text "TOWN OF WINHALL VERMONT" in a serif font, centered within a white oval. This oval is set against a larger, light green oval background that has a subtle gradient and a slight shadow effect.

TOWN OF WINHALL VERMONT

115 Vermont Route 30
Bondville, VT 05340

www.winhall.org

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Dear Winhall Residents and Business Owners,

The Town of Winhall adopted a new Alarm Ordinance on April 17, 2024.

The new Ordinance requires that all buildings within the Town of Winhall with automatic fire alarm systems and/or burglar alarms be equipped with a Knox Box, which is to be purchased by the owner of the alarm site.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to encourage alarm users and alarm companies to properly use and maintain the operational effectiveness of alarm systems in order to improve the reliability of alarm systems and reduce or eliminate false alarms. The Ordinance also establishes required registration, fees, and penalties for violations of the ordinance. The Ordinance can be viewed in its entirety on the Town of Winhall website (winhall.org).

Registration is required if you have a functioning alarm. Annual registration forms must be filed with the Winhall Police & Rescue Department with the \$25 annual fee attached by January 1 of each year. Registration forms can be found on the Town of Winhall website.

Installation of a Knox Box is required on any building that has an automatic fire or burglar alarm. The Knox Box can be purchased through the Knox Box website. The Knox Box shall be located eighteen inches on either side of the main entrance to the building or property. It shall be mounted at a height of between four and five feet above final grade, or as designated by the Fire Chief.

The Knox Box shall contain labeled keys, easily identified in the field to provide access into the property and/or building and any locked areas within the building. The Knox Box must also include contact information for the homeowner and the caretaker.

Underground propane tanks must be marked properly. The homeowner is required to have a 4-foot-tall sign or marker with yellow at the top of the sign/marker to indicate the location of the underground propane tank. There must be a label on the inside of the propane tank that indicates the owner of the tank and which company maintains the tank with current contact information.

All residents and businesses must have properly posted 911 street addresses. The number must be visible from the road during all seasons of the year. Below are standards for displaying address number:

- Address numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches high, 2 ½ inches wide, and reflective.
- A number shall be placed on the front of every structure.
- Mailboxes shall be marked; a number shall be displayed on the structure, if it is visible from the road.
- If the structure is not visible and no mailbox is beside the driveway leading to the structure, a sign or number post shall be erected to display the number. This sign or number post could display the number either vertically (from the top) or horizontally (from the left).
- Shared driveways shall be marked both at the beginning of the driveway and where the driveway splits to each specific structure.
- In Vermont, it is very important that the address number be placed high enough that it will not be obscured by snow during an average winter.



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Model KLS-3261



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HOW TO ORDER KNOX PRODUCTS

1 ORDER ONLINE

Step 1

Visit KNOXBOX.COM and click on the red **BUY** button in the upper right corner

Step 2

Using the dropdown fields select Vermont and Winhall Town

Step 3

Select product and enter the corresponding installation address - proceed with checkout or eApproval

2 ORDER BY PHONE: 800.566.9269

For online ordering assistance, please contact: **Knox Customer Service at 800.566.9269**



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