

CHIMNEYS

GUIDELINES – CHIMNEYS:

- Preservation and repairs to brick chimneys should seek to match the appearance of existing materials. Using reclaimed, water-struck bricks and light-colored mortar will help maintain the consistency of appearance across the district and is reflective of the period of the building. If reclaimed bricks are not available, new, water-struck bricks are required.
- Capping – many modern chimney systems may require spark arrestors to be installed above the flues. To maintain the accurate historic appearance of chimneys while accommodating modern building requirements, owners should seek to minimize the appearance of spark arrestors, where possible, by installing dark-colored spark arrestors obscured beneath a bluestone or slate cap set on brick pillars. The arrestors can sit atop each individual flue or have a single arrestor that sits atop all flues but is not covering the entire flaunching (top) of the chimney. The dark color will allow arrestors to blend into the shadow line cast by the stone cap.
- Re-building – when a chimney must be re-constructed the owner should seek to re-use the existing bricks and maintain the appearance of the chimney as it existed prior to its reconstruction and consistent with historically appropriate designs.