

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

70.02.01
HYDRANT USE



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Approved:

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Purpose: To convey an understanding of hydrant ownership and maintenance, hydrants designated for training purposes and the proper usage of water.

References: N/A

Procedure:

1. Hydrant Ownership and Maintenance.

- a) Fire hydrants within Spokane County and the District are owned and maintained by either the water purveyor or the property owner. The water supplied through hydrants is the property of the water purveyor and/or property owner. Hydrants within the public right-of-way are usually attached directly to the public water system that is owned and maintained by a water purveyor. Private hydrants are generally metered and usage is billed to the property owner. Hydrants located on private roads are usually metered and billed to the property owners.
- b) Water drawn from a hydrant shall be for emergencies and training purposes only. Only designated hydrants shall be used for training purposes. The water purveyor should be contacted if hydrants other than those designated for training are going to be used for training purposes.
- c) Usage of a hydrant by a private citizen is subject to the rules and regulations of the water purveyor. The District shall not assist or provide equipment to any unauthorized persons for the opening or usage of a hydrant.

2. Hydrant Testing.

- a) Hydrant testing shall be conducted annually or as needed to ensure operability of the systems.
- b) The water purveyor shall be contacted and advised of designated hydrant testing periods. Private hydrants shall not be tested without the permission of the property owner or their agent.

3. Water Tenders.

- a) Water from water tenders shall be for emergency and training purposes only. Water tenders should be filled from designated water sources. Water tender water is not to be used for consumption unless proper sanitation measures are performed. Water can only be obtained from a water purveyor for the expressed purpose of fire suppression operations.
- b) Water delivery to a private citizen shall be for emergency purposes only. Such emergency shall constitute an immediate threat to life or property.

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The Fire Chief or Duty Officer must approve delivery of water to a private citizen.

4. Designated Training Hydrants.

a) The following hydrants are designated to be used by the District for training purposes:

- i. Station 81 - Parking Lot
- ii. Station 84 - 44th and Bates
Horizon Jr. High
Between Gertrude and Ponderosa Drive (North Side)
- iii. Station 85 - Parking Lot