

FIRE HYDRANT POLICY

A hydrant permit shall be obtained from the City of Reynoldsburg Water Department at 1615 Truro Road prior to any connection to a hydrant, with exception made for other City of Reynoldsburg Departments, using the hydrant(s) for operational uses such as street cleaning, sewer cleaning or system flushing and testing. In lieu of obtaining a hydrant permit, these excluded entities must follow the Hydrant Usage Guidelines and Requirements developed by the City of Reynoldsburg.

The hydrant permit shall be signed by an authorized agent of the Reynoldsburg Water Department and the applicant can call 322-4500 to set up a time to obtain the fire hydrant permit. Such **permits will be available for only a select number of hydrants**, as authorized by the Superintendent or an authorized agent. A permit may be issued for a hydrant other than the usually designated hydrants only for use on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and contracted sewer cleaning operations funded by the City of Reynoldsburg. The Reynoldsburg Water Department maintains the right to refuse granting a permit, based on privately owned hydrant, water quality issues, water main age or safety measures associated with the ability to fight fires.

A fire hydrant use permit may be obtained for any of the following purposes:

1. New construction (metered service is not available).
2. Nurseries
3. Water hauling
4. Dust control and/or street cleaning during construction/demolition
5. Special events

Fire hydrants shall not be used for:

1. Watering established lawns
2. Drawing water from hydrants within a designated watering restriction area
3. Drawing water from a hydrant to circumvent a metering system
4. Filling residential (single family) swimming pools

An approved backflow prevention device (a two single check device at minimum) and fire hydrant wrench shall be used on all fire hydrant connections. A limited number of these backflow prevention devices are available for loan from the Reynoldsburg Water Department. Connections and wrenches are property of the City of Reynoldsburg Water Department and may not under any circumstances be kept by the permit holder past the scheduled date of return, unless a new permit is obtained.

All temporary connections to fire hydrants for special events shall have a Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) backflow prevention device in accordance with American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) Standard 1013. The RPZ backflow preventer must be tested by a certified backflow inspector after installation.

An agent designated by the applicant shall be located at the hydrant each day of hydrant use from the time that the connection is made, to the time the connection is removed. The applicant shall maintain an air gap (equal to twice the diameter of pipe at point of use from the collection receptacle) at all points of use. The agent shall have the applicant's copy of the valid fire hydrant permit at the location of the hydrant during use. This permit shall be presented to any individual employed by the City of Reynoldsburg or the corresponding jurisdiction (if any) upon request of inspection of the permit.

The backflow prevention device and hydrant wrench shall be immediately removed from fire hydrant whenever water is not being actively drawn from the hydrant and shall be removed from the hydrant site each day, upon completion of daily hydrant usage.

The applicant shall pump dry, to the foot valve or a minimum of five (5) feet below the existing ground surface around the hydrant, the barrel of any fire hydrant used between the dates of September 15th and April 15th, immediately after each time the fire hydrant is operated.

Upon expiration of the permit or as the Reynoldsburg Water Department deems necessary, an inspection of the permitted fire hydrant will be made.

DAMAGE TO HYDRANT

The applicant shall be responsible for all damage to the fire hydrant and water system caused by the applicant's use of the fire hydrant.