

DOVER AND FOXCROFT WATER DISTRICT

HYDRANT POLICY

APPROVED BY: THE DFWD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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PURPOSE:

To control access to, use of, the look of fire hydrants with-in the Dover and Foxcroft Water District to protect and preserve the public water system, water quality, water supply levels, and the interests of District rate payers.

It is the policy of the Dover and Foxcroft Water District that the opening, closing, tampering, connecting to, or withdrawal of water from any publicly owned or private fire hydrant connect to the District water system is expressly prohibited, except with the terms of this policy.

Authorized withdrawal of water from any fire hydrant defined above is strictly limited to the following persons and purposes:

AUTHORIZED USE:

1. DFWD personnel for the purpose of maintaining water system (flushing), testing flow rates, sampling, checking water quality, or other activities deemed necessary and appropriate to operate and maintain the distribution system.
2. Emergency fire-fighting activities of the Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department and mutual aid departments. The fire department shall contact the District as soon as it is done using a fire hydrant(s) so it can be secured.

AUTHORIZED USE WITH PRIOR APPROVAL:

Fire hydrants may be used by the Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department and mutual aid departments for purpose of fire training activities with prior approval of the Superintendent of the DFWD or his designee. The DFWD reserves the right to decline any request based on hydrant location, scope of training, supply levels, etc. The DFWD may suggest alternative locations, and/or training methods that would be approved to meet the purpose of this policy.

AUTHORIZED USE WITH PAYMENT AND PRIOR APPROVAL:

All other uses to include but not limited to: filling of swimming pools, tanks, standpipes (either by bulk hauling or connecting to a hydrant) must be approved by the DFWD for the use of the hydrant and methods for withdrawing the water in addition to the pre-payment of the water to be used. Construction related uses must either pre-pay for the water used or have an approved method to calculate water use and set up an account with the DFWD for the purposes of billing for the water used. The District may require a deposit prior to any water being withdrawn.

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UNAUTHORIZED USE:

All other withdrawals from the hydrants system and or use of fire hydrants is strictly prohibited and will be consider theft of service and/or tampering with a water system, both of which are prosecutable criminal acts.

HYDRANT OPERATION:

1. Hydrants owned by the District are open right hydrants.
2. Only a hydrant wrench is to be use on the fire hydrants. Any damages that occur are the responsibility of the person(s), company, department, etc causing the damage.
3. Hydrants are to be opened and closed slowly to prevent damage to the system and cause minimal impact on water quality.
4. Only persons trained in the use of hydrants will operate the hydrant. The District can provide training on how to properly operate a hydrant.
5. Do not force hydrants, if you are having difficulties contact the District for assistance. 207-564-2310
6. The District must be notified when hydrant is no longer being used, so to make sure the hydrant is secured and ready for use.
7. Care shall be taken to prevent the accidental cross contamination of the water system, which may include the use of anti-backflow device, air gap connection, or any other means deemed necessary by the DFWD.

HYDRANT COLORS AND PAINTING:

Hydrants owned by the District shall be painted in the following manner:

1. Bodies painted Red.
2. Bonnets painted Grey/Silver (except Pacer hydrants bonnets painted Red).
3. 2 ½" Nozzle Caps painted Grey/Silver (if desired or deemed necessary by the District caps may be painted to indicate available flow).
4. 4" Storz Caps may be left unpainted or if deemed necessary to match the 2 ½" nozzle caps.

All hydrants owned by the District shall be painted by District staff or individuals/organizations approved by District management as a community service project meeting the color scheme set above.

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