

10.03: CONNECTIONS TO FIRE HYDRANT

Fire hydrants connected to District mains are for use by the District and by organized fire protection agencies. Temporary water service from fire hydrants for any purpose must obtain written permission from the District and the appropriate fire protection agency prior to service, and shall operate the hydrant according to the instructions issued by the District. Unauthorized operation of a hydrant, tampering with a hydrant or hydrant meter assembly, bypassing a meter, or use without District authorization is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties as prescribed in Article 8.03F(5) and will be prosecuted according to law. Temporary meters provided for connection to fire hydrants shall not be moved by the Customer without written approval of the fire protection agency and notification to the District for each relocation of a meter.

Hydrant Meter Requirements

A. District-Issued Equipment

All temporary hydrant service shall occur exclusively through a District-issued hydrant meter assembly, which shall include an approved backflow prevention device.

Hydrant meters shall be placed, secured, relocated, and removed only by District personnel. Customers shall not move, disconnect, alter, or tamper with the hydrant meter assembly under any circumstances.

B. Deposit

Prior to issuance, the Customer shall provide a refundable hydrant meter deposit in an amount established in Appendix D. The deposit shall secure payment of all charges, estimated water use, backflow testing fees, and any damage to District equipment.

The District may require additional deposits or interim payment if usage approaches or exceeds the deposit amount.

C. Billing

Hydrant meter service shall be billed as follows:

1. Monthly Service Charge

The adopted monthly meter charge for a 2-inch meter, as listed in Appendix E.

2. Water Usage

All water consumed through a hydrant meter shall be billed at the adopted Irrigation commodity rate, as listed in Appendix E.

3. Hydrant Administrative Fee

A one-time Hydrant Administrative Fee, as set forth in Appendix C, shall be charged at the time of issuance to recover the District's cost of installation, securing, and removal of the hydrant meter assembly.

D. Backflow Prevention and Testing

All hydrant meter assemblies shall include an approved backflow prevention device.

Backflow testing shall be required at the time of installation and annually thereafter for as long as the hydrant meter remains in service.

The Customer shall be responsible for ensuring that required backflow testing is completed in accordance with District standards. Testing shall be performed either:

- County of Los Angeles Public Health, CA-NV AWWA, or American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA) certified backflow prevention tester at the Customer's expense; or
- By District staff, in which case the applicable testing fee set forth in Appendix C shall apply.

Proof of testing and certification shall be provided to the District.

Failure to complete required backflow testing, or failure of the backflow prevention device to pass inspection, may result in immediate suspension of hydrant meter privileges until compliance is achieved. Any required retesting or repair shall be at the Customer's expense.

E. Operation and Responsibility

The Customer shall operate hydrants strictly in accordance with District instructions. The Customer is responsible for:

- Protecting the hydrant and meter assembly from damage, theft, or vandalism
- Ensuring the hydrant is fully closed after use
- Preventing cross-connections or contamination
- Complying with all District operational requirements

The Customer shall be responsible for all damage to District facilities arising from improper use.

F. Revocation of Privileges

The District reserves the right to immediately revoke hydrant meter privileges for violations of these Rules and Regulations, nonpayment, failure to complete required backflow testing, unsafe operation, or public safety concerns.