

## BPW POLICIES MANUAL

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| #WW-006 | FIRE HYDRANT USE<br>(Formerly part of "Water Dept. Rules & Regs.") | Page 1 of 1 |
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### Introduction

The BPW may approve the use of fire hydrants for purposes other than fire protection and distribution system maintenance. Such purposes may include provision of a temporary water service for construction, irrigation, drinking fountains, and swimming pools.

### Policy

- A. A person who wishes to apply for permission to use a fire hydrant must complete an application at the BPW office. Approval of the application is at the sole discretion of the BPW.
- B. All water drawn from a fire hydrant will be metered using a temporary meter provided by the BPW. The user will be charged a rate according to the fee schedule for water use.
- C. A rental charge will be required for the use of the hydrant and the backflow prevention device. Rental rates will be charged according to the current fee schedule.
- D. Hydrant Usage Rules:
  1. Hydrants must be fully open and controlled with a meter valve.
  2. Meters must not be attached overnight.
  3. Any persons using water from a fire hydrant **must use the APPROVED backflow prevention equipment** provided by the BPW.
  4. The customer is responsible for the cost of repair or replacement due to loss of or damage to hydrants and equipment issued, and will be charged a replacement fee for any equipment not returned to the BPW in usable condition.
- E. If a user does not comply with the above usage rules, the BPW may prohibit him/her from further use of hydrants.