



Fire Hydrant Meter Use and Operating Instructions *This is not a Permit*

1. A permit for a 1-inch and 3-inch meter is valid for a maximum of 60 (sixty) calendar days. A permit for a 3-inch RPBA is valid for a maximum of 21 (twenty-one) calendar days. Failure to return the meter within the specified time period is a misdemeanor and will result in fines of up to \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) per day, which will continue to accrue until the fire hydrant meter or RPBA is returned to the City of Kent Water Department where it was obtained.
2. There is a permit fee of \$50.00 for a one-inch meter, \$100.00 for a three-inch meter and \$150.00 for a three-inch RPBA assembly. In addition to the permit fee there is a consumption charge at the rate of \$4.73 per hundred cubic feet.
3. A copy of the current fire hydrant use permit must be kept in the vehicle or on the job site (i.e., always at the location where the hydrant is being used) and must be presented to the Water Division or Kent City representative upon request.
4. Never separate the connected check valve from the meter or disassemble any part of the meter. Any failed meter assembly is to be returned immediately to the Water Division. Users shall be held responsible for any damage to the meter assembly, including all repair or replacement costs.
5. Use of the water for any purpose other than that which was originally stated on the fire hydrant use permit, or which creates a potential hazard to the water system, will result in the immediate revocation of the permit and confiscation of the apparatus
6. Meters will not be issued to applicants who have outstanding charges owed to the City of Kent.
7. Use City owned fire hydrant(s) only. **City owned fire hydrants will be white in color and have an attached 2” round brass tag.**
8. Water from a fire hydrant is **NOT** intended for human consumption.
9. Always open and close the fire hydrant **SLOWLY**.
10. Always open and close the fire hydrant **COMPLETELY**. **A gate valve (NO butterfly or 1/4 turn valves allowed) for throttling the flow is to be supplied by the user and installed on the outlet (hose side) of the meter/check valve assembly.**
11. All water drawn from the fire hydrant shall pass through the issued meter assembly.
12. Always remove the meter and other hardware from the fire hydrant after each use and restore the fire hydrant to its original condition. Any apparatus left connected to the fire hydrant or left unattended will be confiscated by the City of Kent.
13. Use only the wrenches provided by the Water Division to operate the fire hydrant.
14. An RPBA is the only acceptable device to use when connecting a potable City water main to a new, untested water main or apparatus (City of Kent construction standard 3.20). A DCDA is not acceptable for use.
15. Contact the Water Division immediately if a hydrant is found inoperable or becomes inoperable during use, at
(253) 856-5600