
WATER RULE 20

UTILITY'S RIGHT OF ACCESS

A. RIGHT OF ACCESS

The Utility shall at all times have the right of safe ingress to, and egress from, the Customer's Premises at all reasonable hours for any purpose reasonably connected with the supplying of water service and the exercise of any and all rights secured to it by law, or these Water Rules.

The Customer is responsible for providing and maintaining unobstructed access for the Utility to all Utility owned facilities located on the Premises.

Failure to permit access and allow work on the Utility's facilities are grounds for termination of service. This work includes the periodic reading of meters, maintenance or replacement of the service and metering facilities, vegetation management, and other necessary work on the Utility's water facilities including removal after termination of service.

If safe access to the meter is not provided for any reason including without limitation locked doors, fences, insufficiently restrained pets or vegetation, the Utility will notify the Customer of access problems via door hanger at monthly scheduled read date.

If the Utility is required to make an appointment or other arrangement to read the meter more than once during any 12-month period, a charge will be made for each appointment thereafter. Repeated failure to provide access may result in installation of remote metering devices at the Utility's option. A service charge may be assessed for remote metering devices as noted in Appendix A.

B. FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants are provided for the primary use of the Fire Department in extinguishing fires.

1. Clearance
 - a. Fire hydrants shall have a minimum clearance of three feet (3') all around.
2. Fire hydrants installed by the Water Utility shall be installed only within public streets or public property except that in private developments fire hydrants may be installed within public easements where beneficial use is determined by the Fire Department and the Water Utility and providing the fire hydrant and gate valve are accessible at all times.