

Hydrants

House fires threaten life and property

It can take under 10 minutes for a house to burn down. Being able to find the nearest fire hydrant can save precious time in an emergency. It may save your home or even save a life. If fire services can act quickly, it also helps reduce the impact of fire and smoke on the environment.

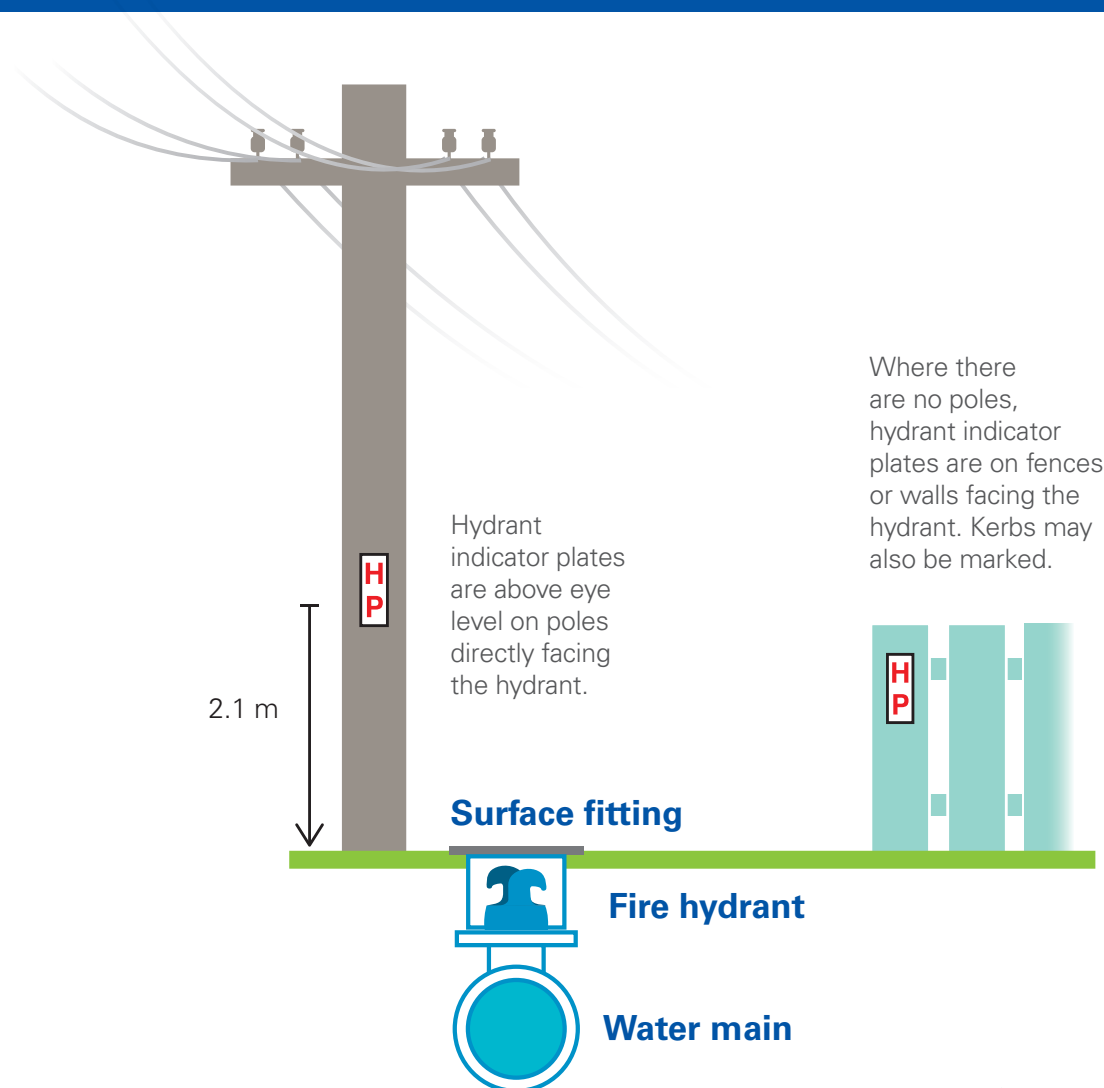
Fire hydrants on the water mains enable fire fighters to directly access the water supply. They are in the ground, beneath a cast iron surface fitting.

Make sure your hydrant can be found

You must never cover hydrants with soil or concrete or hide them with bushes or gardens. Surface fittings must be visible, so that fire crews don't waste time finding hydrants in an emergency.

Although fire fighters and Sydney Water inspect and use hydrants, you can help by making sure the indicator plate is clearly visible and that the hydrant surface fitting is free of dirt, leaves or other rubbish.

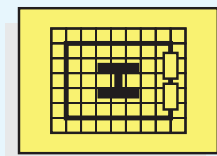
If you find a damaged or leaking fire hydrant, call Sydney Water on 13 20 90.



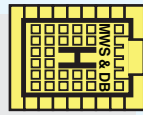
Surface fittings

In urban areas, hydrants are located along the street every 90 – 120 m (about every four to eight houses) and near the end of cul-de-sacs. In rural areas supplied by Sydney Water, they are located close to the shoulder of the road about 180 to 220 m apart.

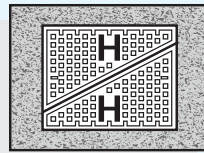
These are the most commonly used surface fittings.



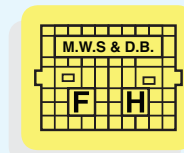
Pathway
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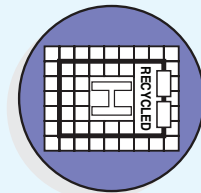
Asphalt road,
pathway or driveway



Pathway



Concrete road,
pathway or driveway



Recycled water
hydrant

Note: Yellow and purple hydrant colours may faded due to weathering.

Indicator plates

There are indicator plates for locating hydrants on drinking water mains and recycled water mains.

Hydrant indicator plates are fixed at a height of 2.1 m on power or light poles, directly facing the hydrant.

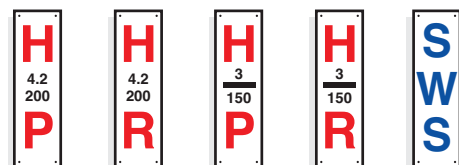
Where there are no poles, the plates are on fences or walls facing the hydrant. Kerbs may also be marked.

The numbers on indicator plates show the distance to the hydrant and the size of the water main.

SWS markings show static water supplies which are suitable use in emergencies.

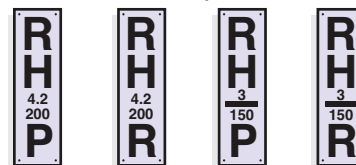
In some areas, blue 'cats eye' reflective markers are used in the road, as a secondary marker for hydrants. Alternatively, 'H' markings are painted at the edge of the road.

Drinking water



Marking of these is arranged by Fire Services

Recycled water



Secondary



Secondary indicator plate is on opposite side of the pole to primary indicator plate

Key

- H** - hydrant for drinking water
- RH** - hydrant for recycled water
- P** - path (footway)
- R** - roadway
- SWS** - static water supply
- - hydrant is located on opposite side of the road

Contact

Call 13 20 90 if:

- you cannot shut-off the standpipe
- you cannot remove the standpipe
- the hydrant is leaking
- the hydrant indicator plate is missing.

Call 13 20 92 for general information on hydrants and Sydney Water services.