

Where is Your Fire Hydrant Hiding?

Do you know where the closest fire hydrant is to your home? Hydrants are something we often take for granted and view as an 'eyesore' or an 'inconvenience' until the time comes when we need them to be accessible. Unfortunately we have seen a literal growing problem around our community's fire hydrants. Many of the hydrants are being hidden with shrubbery, flowerbeds, posts, fences, weeds and other obstructions.

These obstructions cause unnecessary delays when firefighters are forced to take time to locate hidden hydrants, slowing their response to a fire. Having timely, efficient access to a water supply is critically important to fighting fires. The longer it takes to access this water supply, the quicker and more dangerous a fire can grow and spread. The last thing anyone wants is for someone's home to burn down or even worse for someone to be burned or die in a fire.

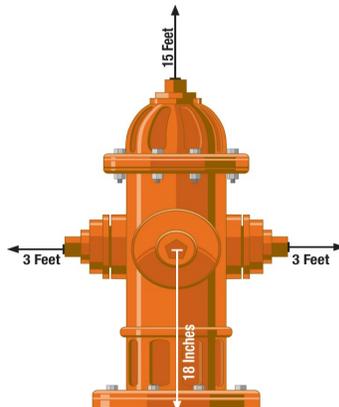
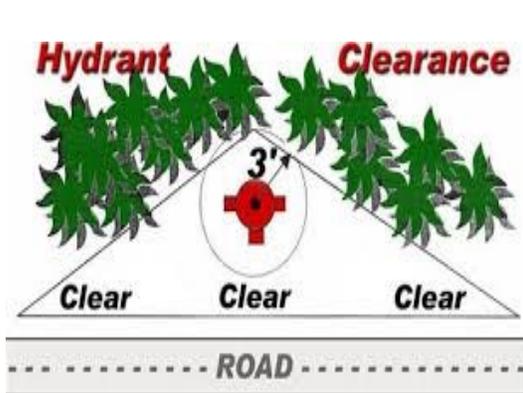
The Public Works Department and ESG work with the fire department to ensure proper maintenance and operation of the more than 1,000 fire hydrants in the city. But we need everyone in our community to help us in keeping fire hydrants in front of your or your neighbor's home clear and accessible in the event of a fire.

See below of examples of blocked/obscured fire hydrants in Perry.



As you see from these examples how easy it would be for us to miss the fire hydrants pictured during the day! Now imagine trying to find these at night! Keep it clear!

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard for fire hydrant clearance.



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