
WATER RULE 8

TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE

A. APPLICABILITY OF RULE

Temporary water service shall be provided for:

1. Fairs, circuses, bazaars, temporary restaurants and other establishments not of a permanent nature.
2. Interim Water Service (commercial agricultural uses)
3. Construction purposes.

B. USES AND APPLICATIONS

1. Temporary Water Service

Temporary water service normally shall be furnished subject to a charge which shall cover the actual costs of installing and removing the required connections, including overhead and administration expenses. Customer and consumption charges shall be at the applicable tariff in effect.

2. Temporary Service – Fire Hydrant Water Meters

- a. Water may be withdrawn from appropriately marked fire hydrants through a fire hydrant water meter rented from the Water Utility upon payment of the following fees:
 - (1) Processing Fee: \$43.00 for each meter
 - (2) Deposit: \$2,000.00 for each meter
 - (3) The Water Utility reserves the right to remove a Customer from the use of a fire hydrant if the use is causing disturbance to the water system.
- b. Rental and consumption charges shall be in accordance with:
 - (1) Rate Schedule WA-2 (unless otherwise approved by the Director) or,
 - (2) Rate Schedule WA-6 – Other City Departments (only permanently assigned fire hydrant water meters).

- c. Customers may pick up fire hydrant water meters at water meter shop and move meters from one location to another in accordance with Water Utility standards. However, if Water Utility personnel are requested to set, move or relocate fire hydrant water meters, or if Customer does not follow Water Utility standards and procedures, a charge of actual cost of labor, equipment, materials and overhead will be billed to Customer for each set or move made.
 - d. Fire hydrant water meters shall be returned to the water meter shop on any workday between the 15th and the 20th of each month to be read for billing purposes and to be checked over by meter shop personnel. Meters picked up between the 15th and the last day of the month need not be returned during the current month. In addition to all other charges, an estimated monthly charge (per Schedule WA-2.B.3) shall be made to cover cost of billing each month for each meter not returned for reading and checking.
 - e. All water taken from the water system must be through a Water Utility approved fire hydrant water meter.
 - f. Return of a deposit is subject to the payment for water used at the applicable rate, and the return of the fire hydrant water meter in satisfactory condition. A deduction from the deposit shall be made to cover the cost of necessary repairs to, or replacement of the meter, and for other fees and charges.
 - g. Fire hydrant water meters used by other City departments shall be scheduled annually for testing by water meter shop personnel at a charge of ten dollars and seventy-five cents (\$10.75) per meter plus cost of necessary repairs.
3. No person shall remove or interfere with any fire hydrant operating nut. A thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$32.25) charge shall be billed or subtracted from deposit, if the operating nut is removed from the fire hydrant, in addition to any other sanction which might be available to the City.

4. **Temporary Service – Backflow Prevention Assemblies**

All water withdrawn from fire hydrants, for purposes other than fire fighting, shall be in strict compliance with Rule No. 13, “Cross-Connections and Pollution of Supply”. Withdrawal of water shall be through an approved backflow prevention assembly which is acceptable to the Director except where it has been determined by the Director that the pollution hazard does not exist.

a. **Fees and Charges**

Backflow prevention assemblies may be rented from the Water Utility and obtained at the Water Utility tool room for the following fees and charges:

- (1) Processing Fee: \$40.00 for each assembly.
- (2) Deposit: \$1,000.00 for each assembly
- (3) Rent Charge:

Two-inch backflow preventer: \$5:00 per calendar day

A stand mounted reduced pressure principle assembly will be supplied with a short length of fire hydrant hose to connect between the fire hydrant and the assembly.

- b. Customers may pick up backflow prevention assemblies at the water tool room and set or move assemblies from location to location. However, if Water Utility personnel are requested to set, move or relocate a backflow prevention assembly, or if Customer does not follow Water Utility standards or procedures, a charge of actual cost of labor, equipment, materials and overhead will be billed to Customer for each set or move made.
- c. Upon inspection and approval by Backflow Program Administrator, customer-owned backflow assemblies may be utilized.

5. **Fire Hydrants**

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

- a. If the Water Utility grants permission to other persons or organizations to withdraw water from fire hydrants, the Applicant acknowledges his demand is secondary to the needs of the Fire Department.
- b. No permanent attachment or rigid connections are permitted on any fire hydrant. The Water Utility may require a double outlet fitting with independent valves between the fire hydrant and Applicant's connection.
- c. no water, except for fire fighting, shall be taken from any fire hydrant so designated by the Water Utility.

- d. The cost of repairing damage to a fire hydrant and related equipment, or to the water system due to water hammer, or to careless or improper use of a fire hydrant or equipment, shall be paid by the Person or organization whose name appears on permit or meter application, at the election of the Water Utility.

C. INTERIM WATER SERVICE

1. Interim water service for parcels that will be under interim or temporary commercial agricultural use.
2. Water service shall be for commercial agricultural purposes only, including annual and/or seasonal crops.
3. Interim water service will be provided to a property or premise for a maximum two-year period.
4. Applicant/Owner shall pay applicable Water Service Connection and Meter Charge, and water service removal charges (cut and plug).
5. Applicant/Owner shall execute a recordable agreement approved by the City Attorney regarding the Interim Water Service (Interim Service Agreement) and pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) processing fee prior to any service being provided.
6. Consumption charges will be levied in accordance with the appropriate published tariff.
7. Water Utility will defer Backup Facility Capacity Charge, Elevation Fee, and Distribution System Fee for the duration of the term of the Interim Water Service agreement. Upon termination of the Interim Water Service agreement, all such fees shall immediately become due and payable.
8. City shall have all Interim Water Service agreements recorded through the County of Riverside Recorder's office.
9. Interim Water Service provisions shall not apply to wholesale nursery operations.