



HIGHWAY 14 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION

POLICY AND PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

OPERATIONAL

POLICY: RESTRICTED USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Policy OP 1.04

POLICY STATEMENT

Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission requires control over the use fire hydrants and must place liability upon those that operate hydrants.

GUIDELINES

The Commission owns, operates and maintains fire hydrants in the Villages of Ryley and Holden and in the Hamlet of Kinsella. The misuse of hydrants can result in damaged hydrants, broken water mains, loss of water supply and contaminated water supply which can threaten public health. Misuse of hydrants can result in very significant liabilities as far as infrastructure repair and public health consequences. Fire hydrants should be used for emergency fire-fighting only. Fire hydrants must be operated by qualified individuals who have been trained and understand how to prevent damage to infrastructure and prevent public health risks.

The use of fire hydrants for general public works maintenance is discouraged. Bulk water truck fills are available in each community and should be used for street sweeping, sewer flushing, watering and all other public works. The use of truck fills requires that an air break be maintained at all times. Direct connection to the dispensing system is not acceptable as cross contamination can occur to the drinking water supply.

Anyone operating a fire hydrant assumes all liability of doing so including repair costs to infrastructure and public health implications.

PROCEDURES

Notification must be given to the Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission when hydrants are being used at any of the following numbers (24/7):

1-866-333-3791

1-780-663-2050



IMPLEMENTATION

Provide written communication to member communities affected by this policy.

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CHAIRPERSON

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