

## Section 5: Use and Protection of Hydrants

- A. In cases where no other supply is available, permission may be granted by the District to use a hydrant. No hydrant shall be used until it is equipped with a plug valve and meter. In no case, shall any valve or meter be installed or moved except by an employee or agent of the District.
- B. Before a meter and valve are set, a security deposit must be made for its setting and for the water to be used at the scheduled rates. Deposits and charges shall be at the applicable rate set forth in the current rate schedule approved by the Public Service Commission and on file with the District. Upon completing use of the hydrant, the customer must notify the District to that effect.
- C. In the use of a hydrant supply, the hydrant valve will be set at the proper opening by the District. When the plug valve is set, the flow of water must be regulated by means of the plug valve.
- D. No person or entity shall do any of the following:
  - 1. Obstruct a fire hydrant or access to a fire hydrant in any way, including but not limited to the dumping or piling of material or storing of personal property within five feet of the hydrant;
  - 2. Erect any fence or other structure within five feet of the hydrant;
  - 3. Plant any trees or bushes within five feet of a fire hydrant;
  - 4. Open any fire hydrant connected with the distribution system except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire; or
  - 5. Intentionally or recklessly damage or impair any fire hydrant.
  - 6. Shovel, plow, blow, grade or otherwise pile snow in such a manner as to obstruct a fire hydrant or access to a fire hydrant.
- E. The owner or occupant of any property which abuts a fire hydrant shall remove all snow from an area at least four feet around the hydrant within twenty-four (24) hours after snow ceases to fall. Responsibility for removal of snow from around a fire hydrant which is located on a dividing line between two properties shall fall upon the property owner with the lower house number as assigned by the Town of Geneva in even numbered years, and upon the property owner with the higher assigned house number in odd numbered years. In the event that the responsible party fails to remove snow accumulations from around a fire hydrant as required in this section within twenty-four (24) hours after snow ceases to fall, the District shall cause the snow to be removed and shall assess the cost of such removal as a special charge against the abutting real estate.