



Graham Fire & Rescue

FIRE HYDRANTS

Many areas of our fire district have fire hydrants on public water systems. These hydrants are maintained by the water companies, regulated by the Pierce County Fire Marshal's office and tested by the fire district.

Often, these hydrants are located on private property maintained by property owners. People have landscaped their yards, obstructing the use of these hydrants unknowingly.

It is important to the fire department that fire hydrants are easily seen and accessible during an emergency response. Pierce County Ordinance No. 99-24S requires the following:

- ✓ The bottom of the lowest outlet must be at least 18 inches above the ground.
- ✓ There must be at least 36 inches of clear area around the hydrant.
- ✓ Hydrants may not be obstructed by any structure or vegetation, or have the visibility impaired for a distance of 50 feet in the direction of vehicular approach to the hydrant.

The public can assist the fire department by insuring that the rules listed above are followed. If you notice a hydrant in your area that you have concerns about, call Graham Fire & Rescue at 847-8811 to report the situation.

During an emergency when seconds count, quick access to fire hydrants and a water supply, may save a life or minimize property loss.

