

Hydrant Permit Requirements and Charges

Water obtained from a hydrant by permission of this Permit is expressly intended for non-potable uses only and is not to be used for drinking water.

Permit Required

Hydrants may be used only after obtaining a hydrant permit from Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS), 1900 Rice Street, Saint Paul, MN.

Hydrants within the jurisdiction of SPRWS are located in Saint Paul, Maplewood, Mendota Heights, West Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mendota, Lilydale, and Sunfish Lake.

A hydrant meter issued by SPRWS must be used whenever taking water from a permitted hydrant.

A fine of \$1,000 and confiscation of hydrant nozzle adaptors and appurtenances will result in the event:

1. A person is found using water from a hydrant without having first obtained a proper SPRWS hydrant permit, or
2. A person is found using water from a hydrant different than the one specified on the permit and the person had not first obtained SPRWS permission to use a different hydrant.

Cash deposit of \$1,000 Required

The deposit is to guarantee payment for water used, charges accrued and any breakage or damage to the Board's hydrant, meter or other works.

Permit is valid until the 15th of the following month

1. Permit may be automatically renewed each month upon:
 - a. Submission of a photograph clearly showing the entire meter assembly
 - b. Submission of a photograph clearly showing the entire current reading of the meter
- c. See below for examples:



2. All photographs must be submitted via email to Water-HPMR@ci.stpaul.mn.us between the 1st and 15th of each month.
3. Photographs must be submitted each month even if no water has been used.

4. If photographs are not submitted by the 15th, permit is suspended until such photographs are submitted. **Use of the meter or obtaining water from a hydrant in any other way during suspended status is illegal and subject to a \$1,000 fine.**
5. Permit is **permanently revoked** if photographs are not submitted by the last day of the month. The meter must be returned immediately and the deposit is forfeited. All permits granted to the company named on the permit are likewise revoked and no further permits will be granted to that company until all meter assemblies currently in use by the company named on the permit are returned. **Use of any meter or obtaining water from a hydrant in any other way after such revocation is illegal and subject to a \$1,000 fine.**

Charges for hydrant rental, all subject to applicable sale taxes:

1. A charge of \$10 per month shall be applied for each permit for each thirty-day period or fraction thereof to cover the cost of inspection and ordinary wear and tear on the hydrant.
2. A charge of \$40 per month shall be applied for each permit for each thirty-day period or fraction thereof to cover the cost of administration of the hydrant permit.
3. A usage charge shall be applied for water used based on either the metered amount or 6 billing units per month, whichever is greater. Charges shall be according to the maximum summer consumption rate in effect on the date the hydrant meter is returned.
4. An additional charge of \$10 shall be applied each time a request to move the hydrant meter to another hydrant is approved to cover the cost of inspection and ordinary wear and tear on the newly approved hydrant.
5. During the period December 1 to April 1, an additional rental charge of \$30 shall be applied for each thirty-day period or fraction thereof to compensate for the cost of extraordinary inspection and wear and tear when a hydrant is operated during winter months.
6. Applicant shall be responsible for any breakage or damage to the Board's hydrant, meter or other works. Cost to be paid by applicant shall be based on the Board's actual repair or replacement costs. Repair or replacement shall be determined by SPRWS.