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## Marking / Identification of Fire Hydrants

*The Office of the Fire Marshal finds that it is in the best public interest of the Town of Brighton to outline the policy and procedures for the identification and use of public and private fire hydrants to ensure they are immediately visible and maintained in good working order to protect life and property.*

### Purpose

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The appearance of fire hydrants has a direct impact on the public's confidence in the quality of the drinking water and Fire Departments ability to protect their homes and businesses. Therefore, it is necessary to maintain the appearance of the hydrants.

Fire hydrants are also color coded to indicate various system conditions including flow, type or size of water main, type of distribution system (potable, non-potable, or private) and system pressure.

### Marking of Hydrants

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The marking of hydrants is important for two reasons. First, it immediately tells fire crews the capacity of the fire main system they are hooking into. Second, it shows that the owner is complying with this program.

Historically, fire crews have trusted public hydrants above private ones, because the city hydrants are on a routine maintenance schedule, and, generally, the likelihood of running into problems is lessened.

This contradicts the whole reason for requiring hydrants in the first place.

### Public Hydrants

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Public hydrants are primarily located in the right-of-way, on the side of public streets, or other public property.

Within the Town of Brighton and neighboring communities within Monroe County, the public hydrants are "SAFETY YELLOW" (Hydra Paint 9000) in color, and they are primarily maintained by the Monroe County Water Authority.

### Private Hydrants

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Private hydrants are typically located on private property.

Consistent with nationally developed consensus standards, private hydrants are painted with two coats of "SAFETY RED" (Rust-Oleum #1210- Fire Hydrant Red) to clearly distinguish them from public hydrants.

Private hydrants are marked and maintained solely by the property owner.

The maintenance, testing, and inspection of private hydrants must be performed only by a qualified inspector.



## Out of Service Hydrants



The barrel and bonnet of all fire hydrants exclusively installed on water lines served by Monroe County Water Authority or City of Rochester Pure Waters shall be clearly painted in **GLOSS BLACK** and display an "OUT OF SERVICE" ring.

These hydrants are **NOT** to be used for ANY firefighting activities. These hydrants are to release pressure for flow testing and maintenance.

Please be aware these hydrants can be under high pressure and are not supplied for firefighting activities.



The barrel and bonnet of all fire hydrants, post indicator valves (PIV's), post indicator valve assemblies (PIVA's) installed for future use, or existing hydrants that are placed out of service shall be bagged and taped, or otherwise clearly marked as "**OUT OF SERVICE**"