

The City of Kennewick makes available the use of temporary fire hydrant meters. The terms and conditions are stated below. Water for City administered construction contracts is obtained by contacting the City Project Inspector and is not provided through this process.

Fire Hydrant Meter Fees (as of 1/1/2021)

Deposit (Refundable)	\$400.00
New Account Service Charge (Non-Refundable).....	\$80.00
Base Meter Fee (per Billing Cycle).....	\$271.82
Usage and Utility Tax	\$1.503 per 100 cubic feet (approx. 748 gallons)

To obtain a fire hydrant meter - Contact Public Works at (509) 585-4419. Please be prepared to provide a \$400 deposit, \$80 service charge (non-refundable), contact person, email, phone number, location where the meter will be installed, and refund information (address, email, and phone number).

Fire Hydrant Meter Readings – Customers will be emailed a notification advising when the meter reading is due: February, April, August and October. Customers are required to email the meter read along with a picture of the meter register for each of these months. If a fire hydrant meter reading is not obtained by the due date, the account will be billed a minimum of 500 units of water. Applicable adjustments to the account will be made during the next billing cycle after City personnel have obtained a current reading. If the City of Kennewick does not receive a read on the meter for two consecutive billing cycles we **will** confiscate the meter, charge a \$95 service fee and the full balance owed must be paid prior to the meter being returned to the customer. Fire hydrant meters are **required** to be returned **twice a year** to the Municipal Services Building, 1010 E Chemical Drive, for reading, inspection and testing. **Mandatory return periods are June 1st to 15th and December 1st to 15th, between 7:30am and 3:00pm, Monday thru Friday (except Holidays).** You may contact (509) 727-5295 to schedule an appointment if it is more convenient. Customers who check out a fire hydrant meter during the mandatory return periods are not required to return the meter for inspection until the next scheduled period. If the Customer fails to provide two consecutive reads or bring in their hydrant meter on the described dates twice within a rolling 12-month period, all fire hydrant meters that have been issued to the Customer will be locked to a designated hydrant and relocated by City personnel for a period of one year. Relocation of the meter during the one-year period will require at least two (2) working days notice to the Water Distribution Division.

When finished with the Fire Hydrant Meter - Fire hydrant meters are to be returned immediately following the last day of use. The fire hydrant meter shall be returned to the Water Distribution Division at 1010 E. Chemical Drive. All final charges for water usage and any meter damage* will be deducted from the deposit amount and the balance refunded to the customer. If charges exceed the amount deposited, the customer will be billed for the remaining balance.

Backflow Prevention - According to Washington Administrative Code 246-290-490, all bulk water customers are required to use backflow prevention measures. The safest technique is to add an air gap twice the size of the diameter of your fill pipe between your pipe and receptacle. Mechanical devices, including a double check valve or reduced pressure backflow assembly, may also be used depending on your application. If you have questions regarding backflow prevention, please contact us at (509) 308-2037.

Illegal water usage - Anyone caught taking water from fire hydrants, curb stops or other water valves without proper authorization or metering will be prosecuted to the fullest extent for theft. Penalties will include fines up to \$5000 and imprisonment for up to 1 year per Kennewick Municipal Code (KMC) Titles 10.10.020. City Administered Contract Projects have separate meters that will have a locking collar painted orange. The water from these fire hydrant meters may only be used on City construction contracts. Use of water from these meters for purposes other than approved City construction projects will be considered water theft punishable under KMC Title 10.10.020.

Responsibility of fire hydrant meter customer – Each customer shall protect the fire hydrant meter from damage due to freezing conditions, negligence or abuse. Please see the handout for information on protection from freezing and proper use of a fire hydrant. Any damage, other than from normal usage, shall be billed to the customer*. All meters are non-transferable and shall be returned when use ends.

**Repair Parts Lists (includes labor for repair) for all fire hydrant meters checked out in 2021. Prices subject to change yearly.*

Meter	\$1357.00	Gate Valve.....	\$210.00	2 ½" Female x 3" Male Swivel Adapter	\$81.00
3" Brass Nipple	\$ 37.00	Locking devices..	\$25.00	3" x 2 ½" Double Male Hex Nipple	\$96.00