

**Dear Marysville Fire Resident,**

The Marysville Fire District is very concerned that we may be unable to locate or access the fire hydrant located at your address during an emergency situation.

When responding to a fire situation, our fire apparatus carry a limited supply of water. We rely on strategically located fire hydrants to supply the water we need to extinguish a fire. To do our job more efficiently, we must be able to locate these fire hydrants quickly. Therefore, they must be clearly visible and unobstructed by vehicles, fences, or vegetation. The laws in our jurisdiction recognize this and address the issue. The International Fire Code, Section 507.5.4 Obstruction. *Unobstruction access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.*

In addition, the Snohomish County Fire Code (30.53A.520 Inspection, testing and maintenance requirements) states that, "...There shall be a 36-inch radius of clear area about the hydrant for the operation of a hydrant wrench on the outlets and the control valve. The pumper port shall face the street, or where the street cannot be clearly identified, the port shall face the most likely route of approach of the fire truck while pumping, as determined by the fire marshal. The hydrant shall be installed within 15 feet of the street or access roadway. ...Hydrants shall not be obstructed by structures, fences, the parking of vehicles, or vegetation. Hydrant visibility shall not be impaired within a distance of 75 feet in any direction of vehicular approach to the hydrant."

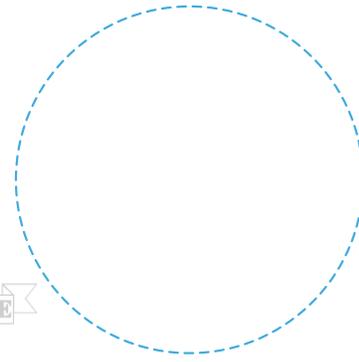
If ornamental plantings are currently causing the infraction or could eventually cause an infraction due to future growth, removal and replanting is an option. If you need to wait until the fall or winter to transplant a tree or large bush, please call and let us know your intentions. A failure to do so could result in an unwanted removal and disposal of your plantings.

We sincerely appreciate your immediate attention to this matter, and would also ask your assistance to ensure that the hydrant is free from obstructions with a minimum of a 3 foot clearance and free of weeds.

**Is Your Address Visible?**

To assist us in finding you quickly, we would ask that your address be easily visible from road (front of the house, garage, driveway access, or mailbox). The ability of Firefighters to quickly ascertain your address is vital in an emergency. Valuable minutes can be lost trying to locate you, when seconds count.

If you have questions or would like to report a broken hydrant, please feel free to contact our Fire Marshal's Office, (360)363-8500.



# Can your fire hydrant be found in an emergency?

***The hydrant on or near your property may be difficult to locate,*** and as such, our firefighters may have trouble locating it! Please see the other side of this flyer for detailed information.

- Access obstructed
- Fence/Structure too close
- Vegetation too close
- Visibility obstructed

Notes:

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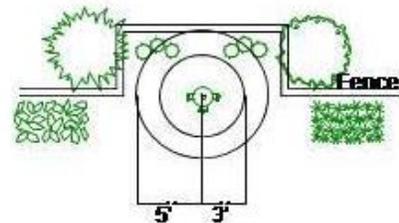
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## Fire Hydrant Clearances

### Example



*Required 3 foot clearance, 5 foot recommended. Visible from 75 feet away while approaching on roadway.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Fire Marshal's Office, (360) 363-8500