

What's with the hydrants?

Maybe you have noticed that our hydrants have been painted different colors and are now numbered. The numbering system was implemented to be able to identify the hydrants for various reasons, for example, inventory, fire use, etc.

Now the big question, what's with the different colours? The Ontario Fire Code states in Article 6.6.6.1: "Hydrants shall be colour-coded in accordance with NFPA 291 "Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants". The colours indicate the various pressures.

Flow tests are conducted annually on our hydrants during our regular maintenance program. This maintenance program includes flushing, re-painting if required in the spring and draining down and flagging in the fall.



Hydrants are a very important part of our infrastructure and we take pride in the regular maintenance and operation of them. We also have a record on each hydrant to know when it was last operated.

Please remember that only Fire Fighters and Water Department staff are legally permitted to operate a fire hydrant. Also hydrants shall be free from obstructions all at all times, for example snow, trees or any large objects obstructing the immediate operation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Water & Wastewater Services office.

