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WHAT IS A WATER HYDRANT?

A water hydrant is used by firefighters to tap into the water supply in the case of a fire, and by Hunter Water crews for maintenance. It consists of a barrel, hose connections and a valve assembly.

WHERE ARE HYDRANTS LOCATED?

Located below ground with cast iron lids, hydrants are positioned along the street at 90 metre spacings (about every four to five houses) and at the end of cul-de-sacs.

Hydrants have lids that look like this:



Hydrant covers are painted bright yellow to help firefighters quickly identify them.

A capital 'H' on the road or the footpath generally indicates where the hydrant is located. There may also be signs on posts or telegraph poles.

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When was the last time you consciously noticed a water hydrant near your property?

When there are no emergencies, we can easily forget about them.

However, during times of emergencies, such as bushfires, it's important to know where they are.

If the hydrant near your home is covered by grass or soil, it could take precious time to locate and connect it.

Therefore, it is important to ensure there are no obstructions preventing the easy coupling of hoses or turning of spanners by crews.

There should also be no brush or tree limbs that could interfere with anyone approaching the hydrant and attempting to connect to it or operate it.

Make sure you regularly mow around your hydrant. And if you notice one that is damaged, or simply needs a new coat of paint, please contact Hunter Water on 1300 657 657.