

Fire Hydrant Color Coding

Cheat Sheet



Light Blue Top - 1,500 gpm or Higher



Green Top - 1,000-1,499 gpm



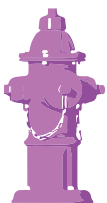
Orange Top - 500-999 gpm



Red Top - Less than 500 gpm



Red Barrel - Private Hydrant



Violet Barrel - Non-potable Water



Black Barrel - Out of Service

Other NFPA Recommendations

- The body of all public hydrants should be painted chrome yellow, unless another color has already been adopted in that community

- Paint hydrants with reflective paint, for increased visibility at night

- Test hydrants annually to ensure proper functioning

- Any hydrant with a rating under 20 psi should be stenciled in black on the top and nozzle caps with the rated pressure

- Stenciling is also recommended for hydrants with very high pressure ratings to ensure proper precautions are taken

