

Information on Fire Hydrants

1. Fire Hydrants are the primary means to deliver water for Fire Hazards.
2. There are different types of hydrants but they work the same.
3. There are about 6,000 hydrants in the Asheville Water System; 3,600 are the responsibility of the Asheville Fire Department.
4. Fire Hydrants are placed about a thousand feet apart.



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Want to Paint a Fire Hydrant?

Asheville Fire Department
could use your help.



Why Help

- Fire Hydrants need to be painted every two years.
- Hydrant painting is important but it is time consuming for the Asheville Fire Department.
- The paint scheme on the fire hydrant helps the fire fighters know what water pressure is available and the correct hoses that fit the caps.
- The hydrant bonnet color tells the fire fighters the amount of water pressure.
- The hydrant caps color indicates the type of threads required to connect to the hydrant.
- All this information saves time in getting the water to where it needs to be.



Paint a Fire Hydrant

1. Must be at least 13 years old.
2. Contact the Asheville Fire Department.
3. Asheville Fire Department will provide paint, brushes and maps to the volunteers.
4. Asheville Fire Department will provide details on paint schemes.
 - Painting is done in oil based paints with brushes.
 - Barrel is all yellow.
 - Bonnet (the top of the hydrant) is painted one color.
 - Caps are painted another.
5. Painting occurs during the months between April and September.
6. Paint the Fire Hydrant with two light coats of paint. ??
7. You will be proud of your work and be able to say “I painted that hydrant”

So get a group of 5 to 7 and paint a few fire hydrants!

Fire Hydrant that needs to be painted!



Fire Hydrant painted correctly!

