

Cambridge Water

Hydrant Standpipe Licence

Terms and Conditions



Introduction

Cambridge Water Company (hereby known as the Company) licenses users to access fire hydrants, allowing them to draw water off for non-fire fighting purposes.

Subject to the Company being satisfied, following a risk assessment and the customers' agreement to the terms and conditions set out below, access will be allowed to all fire hydrants within the Company area. The license will be time limited, and may be renewed with the consent of the Company.

The standard licence issued will be for an unmeasured standpipe. However, in exceptional circumstances the Company may require a metered standpipe to be issued. In all cases the standpipe will be restricted to 25mm bore.

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Licence

- 1) The Licence will be issued subject to:
 - a) a completed application form
 - b) the satisfactory outcome of a risk assessment
 - c) the customers' agreement to the terms and conditions
 - d) payment of all relevant charges.
- 2) Upon receiving a completed application form, a risk assessment will be carried out. The licence can only proceed if the risk assessment is satisfactory, or, subsequent remedial work to meet any criteria found to be required during the risk assessment has been completed to the Company's satisfaction.
- 3) The Licensee can only draw water for the specified operations applied for and agreed to, with the Company. Any change in the scope of operations must be referred back to the Company for its consent. Hydrants must not be left running allowing water to run to waste.
- 4) The licence fee is to be paid prior to the issue of the licence.
- 5) The licence will stipulate the length of the term and to whom it is issued.
- 6) The licence is not transferable between operators or companies without the consent of the Company. If agreed, the Licensee shall instruct any other person on the conditions that apply to this licence.
- 7) Metered standpipe licence charges are split into two parts:
 - a) the administration fee is due before the licence is issued along with the deposit
 - b) the volume and standing charge will become due upon its return or at the yearly renewal.
- 8) The licence can be renewed from year to year with the consent of the Company, and a new licence card will be issued on each occasion.
- 9) Failure to renew the licence and/or return the standpipe by the expiry date will result in the forfeit of the refundable deposit.

Further details of our policy and application forms are available on our website

www.cambridgewater.co.uk/products/hydrant.asp

or contact:

Field Services Co-ordinator,
Cambridge Water Company,
90 Fulbourn Road,
Cambridge,
CB1 9JN
Tel: 01223 706050

Standpipe

- 1) The standpipe is and will remain the property of Cambridge Water Company and upon the expiry of the licence is to be returned to the Company.
- 2) A standpipe deposit will be required before the issue of a standpipe and will be refunded if the standpipe is returned in good working order. If the standpipe is not in good working order the deposit will be retained for its replacement.
- 3) Only the supplied standpipe can be used on the Company's fire hydrants. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the licence being revoked and the refundable deposit forfeited.
- 4) All standpipes, hoses and associated attachments must be disinfected with 'Milton' prior to use. They must be kept clean at all times, and not be allowed to come into contact with other equipment or materials likely to contaminate them. Where a hose is used, care shall be taken to ensure that its outlet is always kept visible to the operator. **Under no circumstances shall a hose outlet be placed into a gully, drain, manhole, culvert or ditch.**
- 5) The Licensee agrees and understands how to operate fire hydrants and connect and operate the standpipe in a safe and responsible manner.
- 6) At the end of each licence period, the standpipe will be returned for inspection to assess its condition before a new licence can be issued.

Typical standpipes available



Hose union bib tap



Fire hose connection

Miscellaneous

- 1) Under no circumstances should water drawn from a standpipe be considered as drinking water.
- 2) The licence holder is responsible for the return of the licence and standpipe prior to the expiry date or to arrange for its inspection and licence renewal.
- 3) The licensee is responsible for providing adequate signing, lighting and guarding of the hydrant whilst the standpipe is connected and to ensure the safety of the public around the scope of operations.
- 4) The improper (operations not agreed to) or proven misuse of the standpipe will result in the withdrawal of the licence. The user shall pay the cost of any damage caused to the property and apparatus of the Company whilst carrying out operations under this agreement. All damage howsoever caused to Company property must be immediately reported to the Company.
- 5) The standpipe is not to be left unattended once connected to a fire hydrant.
- 6) The Company will not under any circumstances accept liability in respect of any loss or damage caused to the property of any person or persons wherever situated by reason of the position, use or operation of the hydrant, standpipe or hoses. Further, the Company will not be held liable in respect of any injury suffered by any person or persons by reason of the position, use or operation of the hydrant, standpipe, or associated hoses. The licensee, by signing the Hydrant Standpipe License Agreement for the hire of the hydrant standpipe agrees to indemnify Cambridge Water Company against all actions, claims, damages or demands, which may result in respect of any such loss, damage, or injury. Further, the user confirms that a full public liability insurance policy is in force to cover their acts, omissions or otherwise by the Licensee.
- 7) The Company and any Fire Authority retain the right to remove any apparatus from the mains network at any time and for any purpose. The Company will not be liable for compensation claims in relation to a loss of use of supply following the removal of the apparatus.

Hydrant Standpipe Licence Charges 2010/11

Unmetered Standpipe Licence (no VAT due)	Fee
Refundable standpipe deposit	£250.00
One month hire charge	£80.00
Two months hire charge	£125.00
Three months hire charge	£165.00
Yearly hire charge (first year)	£310.00
Yearly hire charge (second year onwards)	£265.00
Standpipe replacement cost	£250.00
Metered Standpipe Licence (no VAT due)	Fee
Refundable standpipe deposit	£350.00
25mm meter administration fee	£36.00
25mm meter yearly standing charge pro rata	£29.80
Water by volume	£0.79 m ³
Standpipe replacement cost	£350.00