

## Terms and Conditions for the Use of Metered Standpipes

1. Under no circumstances shall a Metered Standpipe be used on any hydrant marked as a 'fire hydrant' (FH).
2. The Metered Standpipe will be no larger than 40mm in diameter **Only Specified wash out locations are suitable for 40mm Standpipes, Yorkshire Water Services Limited will designate a wash out location to be used during the period of hire.**
3. Standpipes used to take water from wash out ("WO") must be to Yorkshire Water Services Limited ("YWS") specification and can only be provided by Aquam Water Services Limited. ("AWS") Any standpipe in use that has not been obtained from AWS is therefore not an approved standpipe, will be deemed as use without consent and further action will be taken as referred to in paragraph 17 (iii) below.
4. Any party found to have been tampering with the Metered Standpipe or Components in any way, will be subject to further action including the immediate withdrawal of the Standpipe without a refund of the fee & additional charges.
5. Each registered standpipe will be fitted with a backflow prevention device in the form of a BS6282 double check valve.
6. Standpipes and attached equipment must be kept in a clean, well-maintained condition and disinfected prior to being connected to a WO. All standpipes and attached equipment must be properly maintained in order to minimise the risk of contamination, backflow and water leakage. Damaged and worn equipment must not be used. You may be required to show YWS your schemes of work to ensuring standpipes are disinfected prior to use.
7. Water taken from a WO must not be used for drinking or food preparation and should not be allowed to run to waste.
8. The user shall be responsible for the cost of repair of any damage caused to the WO or associated apparatus while connecting, using or disconnecting the standpipe. This includes any damage to the Standpipe & Components.
9. The user shall comply with requirements of the Road & Street Works Act and any requirements of the highway authority when using a standpipe on a WO in "a street".
10. YWS / AWS will not accept liability in respect of any loss or damage caused to the property of any person or persons wherever situate by reason of the use or operation of the WO or Standpipe, or in respect of any injury suffered by any person or persons by reason of the use or operation of the WO or Standpipe.
11. The user, by signing the "Application for a Metered Standpipe" form, agrees to indemnify YWS / AWS against all actions, claims, damages, or demands which may result in respect of any such loss, damage, or injury.
12. YWS and any Fire Authority retain the right to remove any standpipe or asset from the water network at any time and for any purpose. YWS / AWS will not be liable for compensation claims in relation to a loss of use of supply following the removal of the apparatus.
13. Any breach of these terms and conditions may result in action being taken against the Agreement holder irrespective of who was operating the standpipe at the time of the breach. It is the Agreement holder's responsibility to ensure that the terms and conditions are complied with at ALL times. Metered Standpipes cannot be sublet to other companies or contractors. If a metered standpipe is found to have been sublet to a third party, action will be taken, where necessary, against the Agreement holder only who has agreed and accepted these terms and conditions.
14. YWS / AWS have the power to obtain access to a Metered Standpipe which is out on hire at any time.
15. Failure to return a Metered Standpipe to YWS / AWS upon request will result in cancellation of the hire agreement. Any future use of such a standpipe where a contract has been cancelled will be considered as being used without consent and further action will be taken as referred to in paragraph 17(iii)
16. Metered standpipes contain a line strainer (filter) which must be maintained and kept clean. The hirer and operator of the standpipe will be liable for any costs incurred to AWS as a result of damage to the metered standpipe or wash out.
17. YWS reserve the right to:
  - (i) Instruct the user not to use any specific WO,
  - (ii) Terminate any consent or agreement should the user be in breach of any of these terms and conditions,
  - (iii) Instigate prosecution proceedings pursuant to Section 174 (3) of the Water Industry Act 1991 in respect of water taken in contravention of these terms and conditions, the Water Regulations or any drought orders that may be imposed. YWS reserves their rights in full to take any such action.
  - (iv) Audit vehicles using YWS's WO to ensure all terms and conditions are met.
18. Failure to adhere to any of the above Terms & Conditions will result in the immediate withdrawal of the Standpipe and cancellation of the Contract without a refund of the fee. Penalty charges may be applied.

### Operating Wash Outs

- Clean out the wash out pit of any debris
- Spray the wash out and standpipe with disinfection spray
- Do not apply any bending or sideways load to the standpipe
- Operate the spindle at arms-length
- Always open and close the wash out in a slow and controlled manner
- Flush the wash out to clear the connection point
- Do not cross thread the outlet
- Visually inspect the standpipe to confirm it is fitted correctly
- Do not stand directly over the wash out
- If any wash out fails in operation, please report to Yorkshire Water Services Limited immediately