



# Your SYSTEM at Work

## Fire Hydrant Painting Guidelines

The Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility services all fire hydrants within our service area on a regular basis. Each hydrant is checked a minimum of nine (9) times per year. Standard yellow painting of the hydrant is on a seven (7) year cycle. Hydrants are a welcome necessity and keeping hydrants easily visible for use and maintenance by the Anchorage Fire Department and AWWU is our goal.

Here are standardized guidelines for any customer or group wanting to paint a hydrant maintained by AWWU. These guidelines must be followed.

- 1) Approval must be obtained from AWWU.
- 2) All hydrants painted by non-AWWU staff are still subject to the 7 year paint cycle. AWWU will paint over the hydrant if necessary. AWWU is not defacing the hydrant if they deem it necessary to paint over it.
- 3) No hydrant can be painted all white, all black, all blue or all red.
- 4) Hydrants with red tops cannot be painted by anyone other than AWWU.
- 5) Hydrants with blue tops cannot be painted by anyone other than AWWU.
- 6) Entities painting hydrants cannot paint the top red, blue, white or black.
- 7) If entities want to paint a hydrant the standard yellow, AWWU will provide the yellow paint.
- 8) Paint to be used must be oil based paint.
- 9) Hydrant must be properly prepped prior to painting.



### **More information:**

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Documents/2017%20Report%20to%20the%20Community.pdf>, page 10

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To get approval to paint a hydrant, contact Earl Stewman, Maintenance Foreman in charge of hydrants, 550-5914

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