

Standpipe licencing terms and conditions

Introduction

South Staffs Water licenses users to access hydrants, allowing them to draw water off for non fire-fighting purposes.

Following a satisfactory risk assessment and the customers' agreement to the terms and conditions, access will be allowed to hydrants within the company area unless notified otherwise.

The standard standpipe hired will be restricted to a 20mm bore. A larger standpipe may be available subject to a satisfactory risk assessment.

Issuing of a standpipe licence will be subject to:

- A completed application form
- The satisfactory outcome of a risk assessment
- The customers' agreement to the terms and conditions
- Payment of all relevant charges

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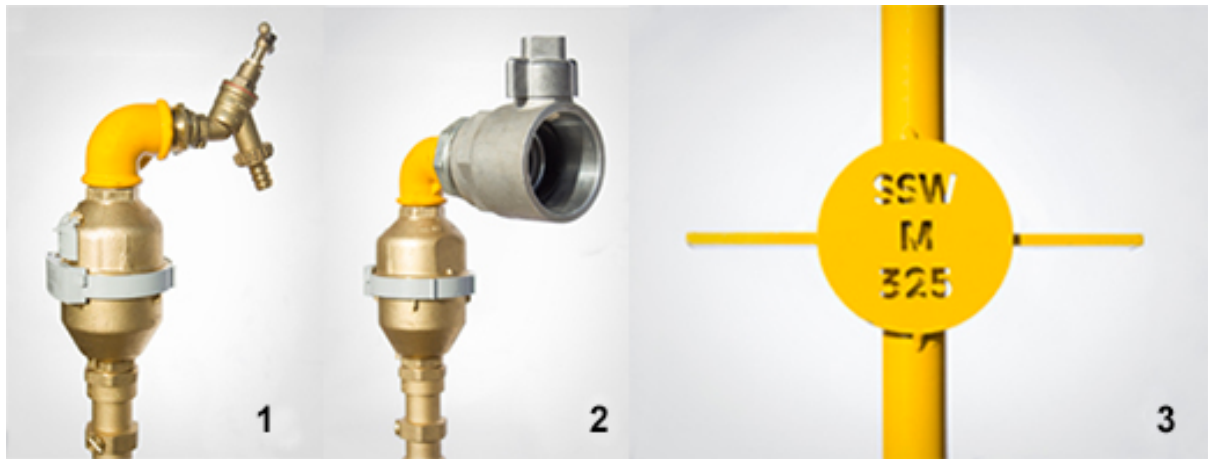
- The operator can only draw water for the specified operations applied for and agreed to, with the company. Any change in the scope of operations must be referred back to the company for its consent.
- Hydrants must not be left turned on allowing water to run to waste.
- The standpipe or licence cannot be sublet without the consent of the company.
- Anyone who requires a standpipe to supply a building site should submit an application through South Staffs Water's Developer Services team in the first instance. More details are available at www.south-staffs-water.co.uk/developers . If a connection for a building site cannot be provided, then a standpipe can be hired temporarily providing the application for a permanent connection has been made.
- The standpipe is and will remain the property of South Staffs Water
- 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
- Only the supplied standpipe can be used on South Staffs Water's hydrants. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in prosecution.
- All standpipes, hoses and associated attachments 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.**
- The operator agrees and understands how to operate hydrants and connect and operate the standpipe in a safe and responsible manner

- The operator is responsible for providing adequate signing, lighting and guarding of the hydrant while the standpipe is connected and to ensure the safety of the public around the scope of operations
- The improper (operations not agreed to) or proven misuse of the standpipe may result in the withdrawal of the standpipe.

Damage to apparatus

Where damage has occurred, South Staffs Water reserves the right to charge for the estimated water lost at the measured rate per cubic metre and any associated cost for repairing the asset.

Typical standpipes available



Disclaimer

- 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 hirer, by signing the Hydrant Standpipe License Agreement for the hire of the hydrant standpipe agrees to indemnify South Staffs Water 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.
- 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.

Charges

For current hire charges please refer to our website www.south-staffs-water.co.uk