



DUFFYS FOREST BRIGADE

Adopt a Hydrant

Fire hydrants, located outside most properties in the Duffys Forest and Terrey Hills area, are primarily used as a water source for fighting fires, both bush and house. In times of emergency these hydrants need to be accessed quickly. To do this they need to be regularly maintained. The local fire brigades attempt to locate and check the hydrants when they have time, but it is in the interest of the property owners to make sure their own and their neighbours hydrants are clearly visible and accessible at all times.

It has been noted that several residents have covered hydrants with mulch and soil and then planted on top of them making it difficult to protect these properties in case of fire. It is an offence under the FIRE BRIGADES ACT 1989 - section 32 Concealing fire hydrants to wilfully cover up, enclose or conceal any fire hydrant so as to make it difficult to find. Penalties apply.

If you are willing to help locate and maintain hydrants outside your property and or whole street, please contact admin@duffysforest.net

Locating Hydrants

HP or **HR** markers (red lettering on a white plate) are used to indicate that a below ground **Hydrant** is in the adjacent **Path** or **Road**. The plate faces the direction of the hydrant while the distance to the hydrant (in metres) and the size of the main (in millimetres) is stamped on the plate. A black horizontal line across the middle of a marker indicates the hydrant is on the opposite side of the road. These plates are often fitted to power poles and will have a secondary indicator (a green H marker plate) on the opposite side of the pole.

(**Note:** Primary marker plates indicating a hydrant supplying recycled water have a lilac background and include the letter R before the **H**, **HP** or **HR**. Recycled water is not suitable for drinking, but is not considered a health risk for firefighting.)

Blue reflectors are fitted to the road surface adjacent to the hydrant location.

A Yellow H is painted on the roadway, with the arrow pointing towards the hydrant's location.

The following are typical markers for underground hydrants.



If you have a leak, broken pipes or water quality problems, please contact Sydney water 13 20 90

Location of Fire Hydrants in the Duffys Forest, Terrey Hills area.

