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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER**

### **Maintaining Your Private Hydrants/Fire Lines**

In the interest of public safety, Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa Water) reminds customers with private fire hydrant and fire line systems to perform regular maintenance.

There are many locations in Mesa Water's service area where water for fire fighting is provided through private fire hydrant and fire line systems. Some of them are not pressurized and operate only when water is supplied to them by the fire department at fire department connections.

Neither Mesa Water nor the Costa Mesa Fire Department is responsible for the inspection, service and maintenance of these systems. It is the responsibility of the private property owners to maintain these systems. Many qualified companies specialize in fire system service and maintenance and can be found in the local yellow pages.

Routine maintenance of your fire hydrants, fire lines and valves is addressed in The National Fire Protection Association (NAPA) Standard 25 for Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems. It is recommended that your hydrants, fire lines and valves be inspected, operated and tested on an annual basis. It also recommended that the fire hydrants, fire lines and valve box lids be painted red for easy identification.

Mesa Water encourages you to routinely inspect and maintain your private hydrants and fire lines as recommended by NAPA so that they will function correctly in the event of a fire.

If you have any questions, please call Mesa Water's Engineering Department at (949) 631-1291.