



Private Fire Hydrants in Puget Sound Fire Response Area

In the Kent valley there are two types of fire hydrants. White fire hydrants are owned by the city and are maintained by the city. Yellow and red fire hydrants are private hydrants that were required to be installed at the time the building was built. The hydrants are required to meet the minimum fire flow requirements of the Fire Code.

The hydrants are an integral part of your Fire Protection System. The Fire Code requires all hydrants, whether private or public, to be maintained and tested on an annual basis. The City of Kent did not track and keep adequate records of the private hydrant systems. Beginning in 2019, Puget Sound Fire began an online reporting system for Fire Protection Systems. We added all the private fire hydrants that we knew about into the online reporting system and are continuing to add hydrants that we find. This is the reason you have not received notifications until now.

In areas outside of the City of Kent, there are also private hydrants. These hydrants are few and far between, and we continue to add these hydrants to our system as we become aware of them.

If you have been sent a notice that you have private hydrants, please have a contractor who is certified to test hydrants perform the required test and report the results of that test to our online reporting system.

We use The Compliance Engine as our reporting software – www.thecomplianceengine.com.

Any questions, please call Captain Flood at (253) 856-4418 or email at DFlood@PugetSoundFire.org.