

Morongo Band of Mission Indians Fire Hydrant Use Policy

The Tribal Council of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians is informed that from time to time during construction projects within the exterior boundaries of the Morongo Reservation, additional water is needed to ensure dust control and assist in ground compaction for the project. The Tribal Council has determined that the use of water for these purposes shall not be such as to cause a negative impact on the domestic water system and water appurtenances of the Reservation. The Tribal Council has further determined that the use of fire hydrants shall be limited to the Morongo Water Department, Fire Department, and meter permit applicants only.

The Tribal Council acknowledges the importance of maintaining a safe, healthy, and reliable water system for the Reservation and hereby adopts this policy in furtherance of that goal and the need to accommodate occasional use of tribal fire hydrants as a supplemental source of water for specific construction projects.

For purposes of this policy, the Tribal Council adopts as tribal standards certain requirements contained in the standards of the American Waterworks Association (“AWWA”) and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Guidelines:

1. All individuals interested in obtaining water from a fire hydrant shall obtain a permit from the Morongo Water Department. Deposit Exemptions will be granted to ALL Morongo Band of Mission Indian departments, including the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa.
2. Fire Department personnel shall operate fire hydrants for the sole purpose of fire suppression and/or flow testing.
3. All deposits for a meter/backflow device shall be made at Tribal Administration after Water Department approval of the permit.
4. A deposit in the amount of \$1000.00 for the meter/backflow device shall be made, and a cost of \$ 3.00 per 100 cubic feet of water used shall be deducted from the deposit.

5. After equipment has been returned in good/working order, Water Department shall notify Tribal Administration to refund the deposit, less the amount owed for water usage.
6. Any damage to the meter/backflow device shall be deducted from the deposit.
7. All fire hydrants shall have a meter in place and a Reduced Pressure Principle Assembly backflow device which conforms to AWWA Standard C506-78 (R83) attached prior to use.
8. All water trucks must be equipped with an "AIR GAP" on the filler tube. The gap distance must be at least two (2) times the diameter of the filler tube.. Water Department shall inspect for compliance.
9. After completion of permit, approval, and deposit to Tribal Administration, the Water Department shall install the meter/backflow device and place it into service.
10. When the use of the hydrant is completed, the Water Department shall remove the meter/backflow device and record water usage.
11. The sale, distribution, and wasting of water is strictly prohibited. Such acts shall be grounds for immediate removal of the meter/backflow device and revocation of permission for hydrant use.
12. Use of water for any other reasons other than those stated on the permit, shall be grounds for immediate removal of the meter/backflow device and revocation of permission for hydrant use.
13. Fire hydrant meters/backflow devices are the property of the Morongo Water Department, and cannot be subleased to any other person.
14. Construction meters shall be checked and calibrated every two years to ensure their accuracy.
15. Backflow devices shall be tested in accordance with AWWA standards.
16. All hoses and devices used on the outlet side of the meter shall be in good working order so as to prevent wasting of water.

In all cases where the Morongo Water Department has equipment attached to fire hydrants, it shall monitor water usage and compliance with this policy. The Water Department shall provide the applicant with after-hour emergency contact information and instructions for operating the equipment.