Unacceptable Landscaping Around Meters and Hydrants

Meter Box

Hydrant

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Landscaping Tips for Meter Boxes and Fire Hydrants

Proper Hydrant & Meter Clearance

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Clear to street

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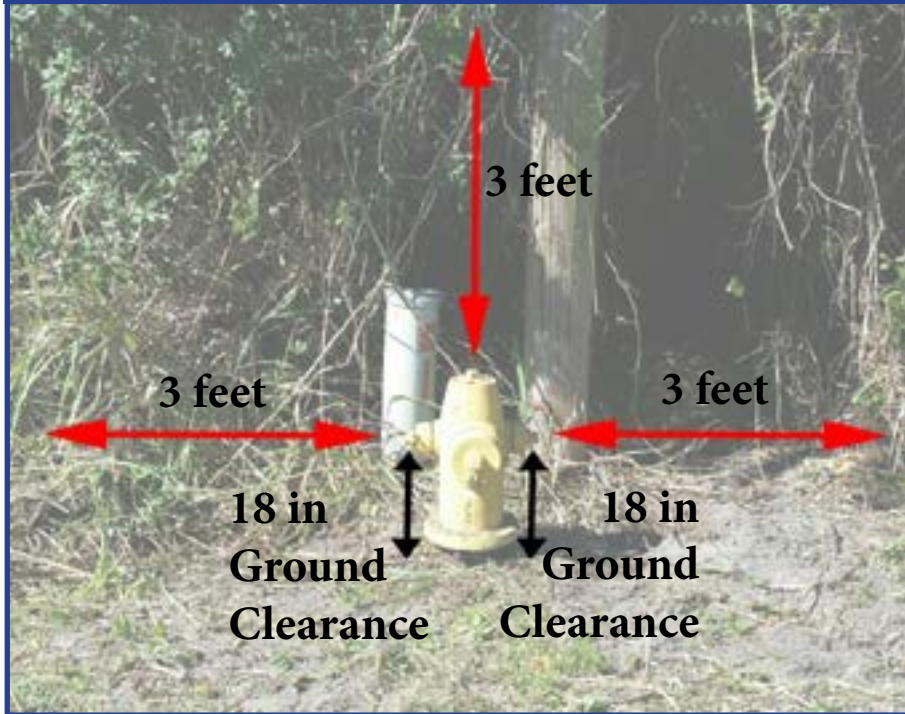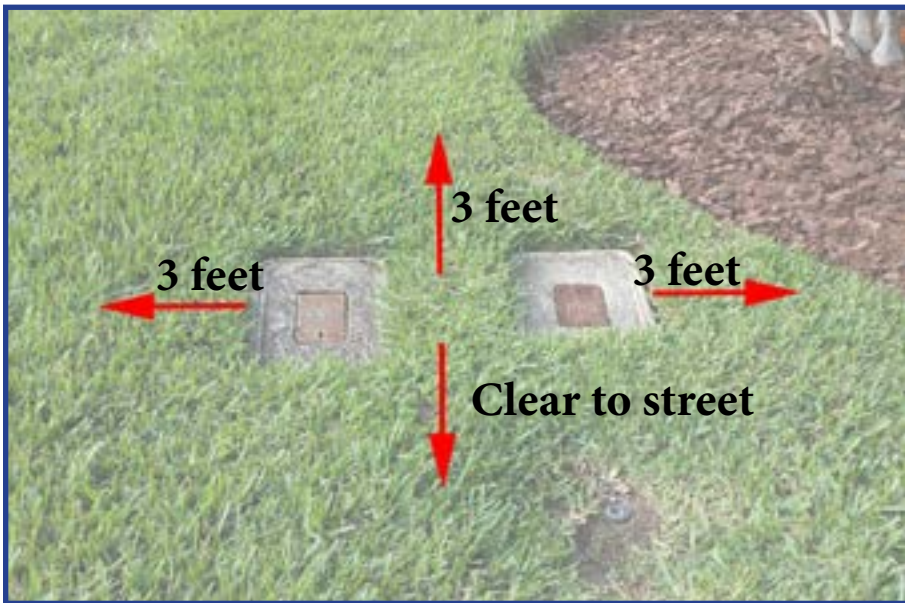
Clearance must be maintained around fire hydrants and meter boxes.

If the clearances are not maintained, you will be notified by LCU to remove any obstructions. If the obstructions have not been removed after notification, LCU will take corrective actions and clear the obstruction from the fire hydrant or meter box.

Did you know that according to the LCU Customer Service Operations Manual, Section II.C.1.c, the customer is responsible for keeping the area surrounding the meter box **clear of shrubbery or other obstructions**? LCU reserves the right to discontinue water service to any locations where such interference exists.

Our meter services staff must be able to access our water meter at all times for efficient, accurate readings without any safety concerns from encroaching plants that can injure our employees as they attempt to access your meter box. **Vegetation shall be kept at least three feet away from meter boxes.** Meter boxes should be in a grassy or mulched area and never behind a fence or in a driveway.

Fire hydrants shall be visible from the road, with no vegetation within three feet of the hydrant. The fire department relies on being able to locate and connect to fire hydrants quickly. A hydrant obscured by vegetation can mean critical minutes lost to fighting a fire.

While any type of vegetation can obscure meters or hydrants, here are examples of plants that can be especially harmful:

Bougainvillea	**Spanish Bayonet**
Agave	**Century Plant**
Crown of Thorns	**Saw Palmetto**
Cactus	**Rubber Tree**
Floss Silk Tree	**Madagascar Palm**