

MEWA POLICY

YARD HYDRANTS

PER THE CURRENT AUGMENTATION PLAN, MEWA WILL REMOVE ALL YARD HYDRANTS ON VACANT LAND AND DIRECT HOMEOWNERS IN RELOCATION OF EXISTING YARD HYDRANTS OFF THE MAIN WATER LINE FROM THE CURB STOP TO THE HOME.

HOMES WITH EXISTING YARD HYDRANTS.

- If the YARD HYDRANT is the only exterior source of water for the residence, the homeowner may keep the YARD HYDRANT for wildfire prevention.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to always keep the yard hydrant locked when not residing at the residence.
- If the YARD HYDRANT is on the main water line to the home, the homeowner will be required to remove the YARD HYDRANT from the main water line and place it on a secondary water line leading from the home. **THIS WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN MEWA IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE TO METER EACH HOME.**
- ALL YARD HYDRANTS MUST HAVE AN APPROVED BACK FLOW PREVENTION DEVICE (CHECK VALVE) PLACED ON THE HYDRANT. THIS IS A COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

NO HYDRANTS ON VACANT LAND OR NEW HYDRANTS FOR BUILDS.

MEWA will remove YARD HYDRANTS on vacant land when line work is being performed at or near the location of the YARD HYDRANT. This will be done at MEWA's expense. This is in response to the current Augmentation Plan, The State of Colorado Water Resources, and the Lake County Camping Ban on vacant property. The lot owner will be notified by email or snail mail if a Hydrant is being removed.

- **If there is a CURB STOP** on the vacant property, MEWA will cap the water line on the homeowner's side of the curb stop.
- **If there is NO CURB STOP** present, the the property owner will be contacted to determine if they wish to have a CURB STOP installed at the time of the YARD HYDRANT removal. This will involve the current Curb Stop Installation fee (see FEE SCHEDULE). If the homeowner does not wish to have a CURB STOP installed the main water line in the street will be capped OR if a replacement line is being installed the old line will not be attached.