



# FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE GUIDE

KEEP IT CLEAR. KEEP IT PAINTED. KEEP IT READY.

## KEEP 3 FEET CLEAR

A minimum **3-foot** clear space must be maintained around the entire hydrant.

- Shrubs & Landscaping
- Decorative Rock
- Fencing
- Vehicles
- Snow Piles
- Storage Materials

Required by International Fire Code §507.5.5 – Obstruction



Front outlet equipped with **STORZ** permanent hydrant adapter with cap.  
Only approved **STORZ** is the low profile **Red Head®** or **Harrington®**.

## HYDRANT PAINTING REQUIREMENTS

**APPROVED**  
Hand Paint Only  
(Brush Application)

**NOT APPROVED**

- Spray Paint
- Aerosol Paint Cans
- Paint Sprayers

### WHY HAND PAINT ONLY?

- Prevents overspray
- Protects threads and moving parts
- Preserves hydrant identification markings
- Improves long-term durability

### BEFORE YOU PAINT

- 1 Notify the Fire Marshal's Office before you begin.
- 2 Remove loose paint, rust, dirt and debris.
- 3 Prime all bare metal with rust-inhibiting metal primer (brush-applied).
- 4 Apply approved Safety Red paint (brush-applied).
- 5 **DO NOT PAINT:**
  - Nozzle threads
  - Operating nut
  - Chains
  - Identification tags

### AFTER PAINTING

- Verify hydrant operates properly.
- Contact the Fire Marshal's Office when painting is complete.
- New hydrant ID tags may be installed after inspection.
- If the hydrant is not operating properly, contact the Fire Marshal's Office immediately.

### APPROVED PAINT



#### ALL HYDRANT PARTS PAINTED SAFETY RED

This includes the body, caps, bonnet and all components.

#### PREFERRED PAINT

Rust-Oleum® Professional High Performance Enamel

#### SAFETY RED



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