



Private Fire Hydrant Maintenance Checklist

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A practical starting point for planned preventive maintenance. Always refer to the manufacturer's O&M manual and site-specific requirements.

Visual Checks

- ☐ Confirm each hydrant is accessible, unobstructed and not parked over
- ☐ Check hydrant marker plates and posts are present, correct and legible
- ☐ Check the outlet thread, cap and chain are undamaged

Functional Checks

- ☐ Operate the valve through its full travel and check it closes fully
- ☐ Flow test and record pressure and flow against the design requirement
- ☐ Confirm frost protection and drainage of pillar hydrants

Cleaning & Housekeeping

- ☐ Open the hydrant pit cover and check it is free of debris and water

Record Keeping

- ☐ Update the hydrant location plan and test records

Maintenance Frequency

Monthly

- Check access and markers
- Report obstructions

Annually

- Full inspection to BS 9990
- Valve operation
- Flow and pressure test
- Update location plan