



INSTRUCTION FOR USE OF STANDPIPES

- 1 Only standpipes issued by Wessex Water or its agent, and with a current completed hire agreement form, shall be used in the water supply area of Wessex Water.
- 2 Only use the standpipe on **Washout Hydrants** (BLUE caps) within Wessex Water's Supply area. (see attached map, areas within blue boundary lines)
- 3 **Do not** use, or connect the standpipe to **Fire Brigade Hydrants** (normally cover painted yellow and a yellow H plate, and fitted with a red cap).
- 4 You will be connecting to the public water supply system. You are responsible for taking steps to avoid contamination. Failure to do so may render you liable to prosecution under the Water Industry Act 1991.
- 5 If the washout hydrant chamber is full of water or debris it should be cleaned out to at least 150mm below connection point. Remove BLUE cap (the key will puncture the warning sticker) from hydrant bowl and retain in a safe place.
- 6 Open valve slowly to remove debris from hydrant/washout bowl, do not fill chamber.
- 7 Close valve slowly and attach standpipe, make sure standpipe taps are closed.
- 8 Standpipe must be chlorinated, or thoroughly flushed, especially if drawn water is to be used for domestic purposes
- 9 Open valve slowly, (no faster than one full turn every 30 seconds), check for leaks.
* **Note Most hydrant valves open anti-clockwise**
- 10 If unable to operate valve, or hydrant leaks, seek alternative hydrant and report faulty apparatus to Wessex Water. (0845 6004600)
- 11 Broken, vandalised or lost security caps (blue & red) must be reported to Wessex Water's Regional Regulations Officer (0856 6004600)
- 12 Where a flexible hose is connected to the standpipe, care must be taken to ensure that the end of the hose cannot become submerged
- 13 Under no circumstances should a hose be directly connected from the standpipe to a sewer, gully, drain, culvert or ditch. An air gap must be maintained if used to fill any receptacle, bowser or tank.
- 14 When using a standpipe in the highway/footpath it must be suitably signed and guarded.
- 15 Standpipes to be dismantled and the hydrant cover replaced when not being used.
- 16 In frosty conditions drain standpipe to prevent damage to backflow device, and take appropriate precautions with water spillage.
- 17 Close down hydrant valve slowly, check for leaks, remove standpipe, refit BLUE cap and attach new sticker over keyway, replace chamber cover securely.
- 18 The standpipe and key must be stored and transported away from other contaminated materials, containers and fittings. .