

The following are some “Rules” related to hydrant connection use:

Hoses shall not be continuously connected to the hydrant and shall only be connected when an individual is watering the approved community garden.

The main reason for this is to minimize the risk of backflow in into the Akron water system and to minimize the temptation by others to simply utilize the water for other purposes beyond the plants most especially when it is as quick and easy as turning on the spigot.

Hoses shall not be hanging on the hydrant and/or wrapped around the hydrant.

The main reason for this is to minimize the time for emergency responders to unravel the hose and utilize the hydrant for firefighting purposes. If the gardener would like to keep the hose in the vicinity of the hydrant, just please do not obstruct access.

The gardener must be present at all times while watering the garden. Sprinklers and/or any other above ground or below ground irrigation is not permitted.

Akron water expects the watering to be either completed by hand via a watering can or by an individual spraying the plants with a dedicated hose. Sprinklers are wasteful of water and underground irrigation connections are an additional risk. In most cases water from sprinklers sprays well beyond the need for the plants onto the sidewalks, roadway and adjacent grass.

These connections are being approved for the community garden only and shall not be utilized for any other purposes.

The gardener must insure that the water is completely turned off at the end of every use. The conservation of water through these unmetered and unbilled connections is very important.

Akron Water would prefer that the handle of the spigot be removed by the gardener when the hose is not in use. This can be done simply with a single bolt removal. This will eliminate the ease of quickly turning on the water and it being run continuously as a prank or by someone whom may be tempted to use it for non-plant purposes.

Akron Water reserves the right to terminate these connections immediately if these instructions are not followed.