



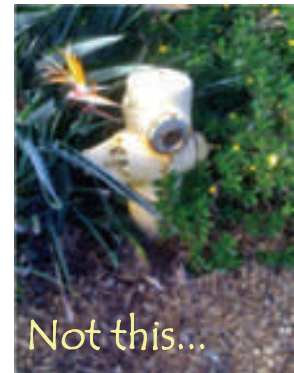
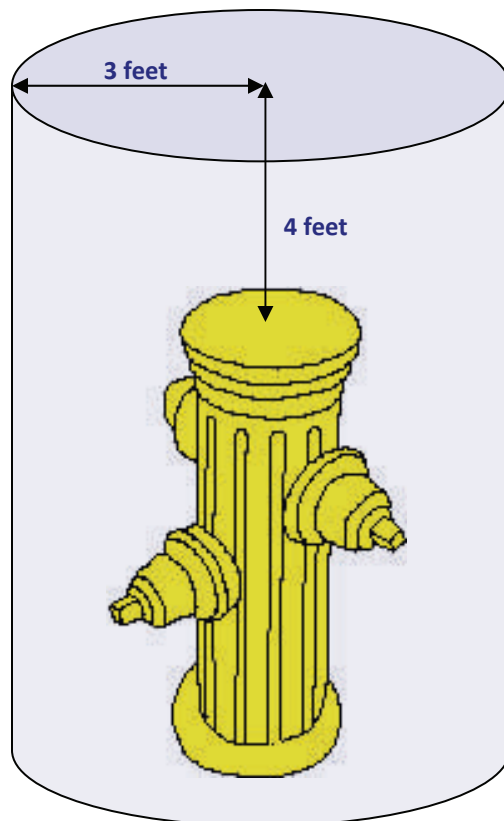
Don't Hide Those Hydrants

Each year the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District performs annual service on each of the 2,400 fire hydrants within districts 42 square miles. The service performed is to ensure that the hydrant functions correctly and also that it is visible and accessible to fire crews during an emergency.

Recent servicing has found that an increasing number of hydrants are becoming obstructed by plants, trees and other landscaping materials. To help make sure that these hydrants are visible and accessible throughout the year, we are asking residents who may have a fire hydrant on their property or adjacent to it in the public right of way ensure that the following requirements are followed during the year:

- The fire hydrant should be visible from the road or driveway.
- A 3 foot radius of clear space shall be maintained around the fire hydrant.
- A 4 foot vertical clear space from the top of the fire hydrant shall be maintained within the three foot circumference.
- The finished grade of soil and any ground cover should not be higher than the base of the fire hydrant within the 3 foot radius.

Clearance is Key



Not this...

Landscaping around this fire hydrant makes it difficult to see and access by firefighters.



...but this.

Vegetation is cleared away from this fire hydrant, making it highly visible.