



TOWNSHIP OF WARMINSTER

Department of Emergency Management & Services

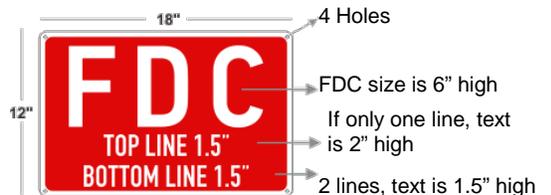
Fire Department Connections

Location – With respect to hydrants, driveways, buildings and landscaping, fire department connections shall be so located that fire apparatus and hose connected to supply the system will not obstruct access to the buildings for other fire apparatus. The location of fire department connections shall be approved by the fire chief.

Visible location. Fire department connections shall be located on the street side of buildings, fully visible and recognizable from the street or nearest point of fire department vehicle access or as otherwise approved by the fire chief.

Signs. A metal sign with raised letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) in size shall be mounted on all fire department connections serving automatic sprinklers, standpipes or fire pump connections. Such signs shall read: AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS or STANDPIPES or TEST CONNECTION or a combination thereof as applicable. Where the fire department connection does not serve the entire building, a sign shall be provided indicating the portions of the building served.

Example:



Remote connections: Signs may be attached to the upright portion of the FDC or positioned on a post behind the FDC. Signs must remain visible and unobstructed. Signs shall be mounted on posts when shrubs or other vegetation is planted in the area so that the sign remains visible.

Existing buildings. On existing buildings, wherever the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an approved sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" at least 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters at least 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location served. All such signs shall be subject to the approval of the fire code official. Post/wall mount signs shall be between 5' – 7' to center of the sign above ground.

Example:



Access. Immediate access to fire department connections shall be maintained at all times and without obstruction by fences, bushes, trees, walls or any other fixed or moveable object. Access to fire department connections shall be approved by the fire chief.

Clear space around connections. A working space of not less than 36 inches (762 mm) in width, 36 inches (914 mm) in depth and 78 inches (1981 mm) in height shall be provided and maintained in front of and to the sides of wall-mounted fire department connections and around the circumference of free-standing fire department connections, except as otherwise required or approved by the fire chief.

Physical protection. Where fire department connections are subject to impact by a motor vehicle, vehicle impact protection shall be provided in accordance with Section 312 (IFC) of the Fire Code.

Special Circumstances. Custom signs will be required if FDC is supplying specific areas of a structure or multiple buildings. Contact the Department of Emergency Management and Services for assistance.

Any questions regarding FDC clearance areas and/or signage, contact the Department of Emergency Management and Services.