

Fire District # 1 of East Middlebury
Water System Fee Policy

1. Curb stops, gate valves and other water system apparatus shall **only** be operated by authorized employees of the Fire District and its authorized representatives.
2. The Fire District will charge a \$25 fee/ **per visit** to shut off or turn on a water service (via curb stop) during regular business hours. After business hours visits will be charged at \$50 fee/ **per visit**. If a curb stop is found to be defective, charges will apply only after the curb stop is repaired and the operation of the valve is completed.
3. The Fire District reserves the right to charge a service fee at the rate of \$50 / hr. for any extended length service calls.
4. Seventy-two hours (72 hours) notice is required from property owners to the Fire District for all non-emergency operations.

Note:

While the Fire District exercises gate valves and fire hydrants yearly, curb stops are rarely exercised. The Fire District has embarked on a curb stop assessment and repair program. Unfortunately many curb stops have been buried, damaged, or have ceased to function properly over the last 70 years.

It is highly recommended that homeowners give the Fire District as much advance notice as possible for any anticipated water shutdown work. This allows time for the curb stop to be located, inspected and serviced as needed. Accomplishing this prior to any scheduled shutdown saves both homeowners and the Fire District valuable time and money.

In some situations, damaged curb stops can not be repaired immediately, as repair usually requires dig-safe notification, excavation, and in the case of curb stops within the state right-of-way, a VTRANS right-of-way access permit. As a result, work may need to be postponed or preformed using alternative methods.

The Fire District is not responsible for charges incurred by others, resulting from damaged curb stops.

Any comments, concerns and questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Fire District # 1 Prudential Committee.