



## Access to City Water for Community Gardens, Market Gardens, and Urban Farms



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Community gardens, market gardens, and urban farms can use City water to care for their property.



City water can be accessed through:

- Fire Hydrants
- Water from a neighboring property
- Direct water hook-up at the site

### Steps to access City water through a fire hydrant:

Call Public Works Water Permits and Connections: 612-673-2865. Permits and Connections staff will walk you through the garden hydrant permit process, which includes discussing location of the garden, who owns the property in question, and documentation of permission to use the property.

- Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division will deliver and install the equipment to access and meter the water from a fire hydrant.
- If the hydrant is not on the same side of the block as the garden, you may be able to access water by running a hose under the street. Contact Deb Olson with the Sewer Department at 612-673-5625 to see if this is possible. The customer is responsible for providing the long hose, but the Sewer department will provide the labor to install it.

### Steps to access City water from a neighboring property:

With permission from the homeowner, water may be accessed by connecting a hose to a neighboring home.

### Steps to access City water through direct water hook-up at property:

Access water through the service line that feeds the property.

### Cost of City water:

All sites, regardless of size, will pay for accessing and using City water. Water accessed through hydrants and direct hook-up will be metered. Gardeners and farmers will be billed at the same rate as a general property owner in Minneapolis, which is set by the City Council.

*For questions please contact Water Permits & Connections 612-673-2865*

If you need this material in an alternative format please call the Minneapolis Health Department at 612-673-2301 or email [health@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:health@minneapolismn.gov). Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons may use a relay service to call 311 agents at (612) 673-3000. TTY users may call (612) 673-2157 or (612) 673-2626.

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