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## FIRE HYDRANTS

The fire hydrants on the various terminals serve the same function – and by law must be treated the same – as the hydrants anywhere else in the State of Maryland. Hydrants are located throughout the terminals, spaced evenly along roads and close to buildings for fire fighting and support of the building's sprinkler systems.

Unauthorized use of fire hydrants (vehicle and equipment washing, filling tanks, etc.) causes extensive pipe damage below ground, and makes the hydrant inoperable. **Therefore, use of fire hydrants, other than by Fire Department or MPA personnel, is strictly prohibited.**

Fire Hydrants:

- Are for use only by the Fire Department and MPA
- Must be visible and accessible to fire fighters who respond to any given area
- Must be clear of containers, cargo, Ro-Ro, vehicles, etc. at all times. Maryland law requires 15' of clearance in both directions
- Can not be cut off from access to a building by fences or barriers

To report damaged or leaking hydrants or hydrants being used improperly, please contact the Facility Maintenance Department [mpamaintreq@marylandports.com](mailto:mpamaintreq@marylandports.com) or call 410-633-1113 during normal business hours (6:30 am – 4:00 pm).

If you have any questions, please contact Rich Rehberger, Sr., General Manager, Facility Maintenance @ 410-633-1116 or [rrehberger@marylandports.com](mailto:rrehberger@marylandports.com)

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